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Terms in Prison Ordered for Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and F. Morrison

BUCK STOVE CASE CAUSE

Labor Organizations Protest and Ask President's Intervention

Washington, Dec. 23.—Twelve months in jail for Samuel Gompers, president; nine months for John Mitchell, one of the vice-presidents, and six months for Frank Morrison, secretary, all of the American Federation of Labor, was the sentence imposed by Justice Wright, of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, today for contempt of court in violating an order enjoining them from placing on the "unfair" or "we don't patronize" list the Buck Stove and Range Co., of St. Louis, Mo. All three of the defendants were in court when sentence was pronounced, and notice of an appeal to the court of appeals of the District of Columbia was at once filed. Mr. Gompers being released on \$5,000, Mr. Mitchell on \$4,000 and Mr. Morrison on \$3,000 bail.

In addition to the wife and daughter of President Gompers, there were present also a large number of labor leaders and others, who were attracted by the notice that a decision in the famous case would be announced today. Mr. Gompers' family were visibly affected. With tears coursing down his own cheeks, President Gompers heard the order of the court which condemned him to prison for a year. Both Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Morrison seemed stunned, although Mitchell appeared to be the less concerned.

Asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced, President Gompers declared that he had not consciously violated any law.

The decision of Justice Wright, which consumed two hours and twenty minutes in reading, was one of the most scathing arraignments that ever came from the bench in this city. "Wherever" the court said, "all over within the court and out, either rampant or silent defiance is proclaimed. Unrefined insult and affront, vulgar indignity, measures the litigant's conception of the respect due the tribunal wherein his cause still pend."

Pardon Talked of

Whether President Roosevelt will take any action, as he has been urged to do in telegrams received from different labor organizations throughout the country in connection with Judge Wright's decision, has not been decided. It was stated at the White House today. It was explained there that the President had not read the decision, and therefore cannot say if he will take any action. There was an intimation, however, that some action might be taken if he should be convinced that the sentence is unjust, if it should be affirmed upon appeal. The various labor organizations in protesting to the President against sentence urged him to prevent the incarceration of the labor leaders. The Illinois Mine Workers sent this telegram, signed by President John B. Walker, the vice-president, secretary-treasurer and members of the executive board:

"In the name of 75,000 mine workers in Illinois we desire to protest against the decision committing to penal servitude these great commoners and representatives of the American labor movement. Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison. These men may be guilty of a breach of the law, but a law that denies the use of a free press and full speech is a breach of the fundamental principles of our country. Such decisions create only enmity and class hatred. We respect-

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fully solicit your influence to prevent the incarceration of these men."

Different Views

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—James M. Beck, of New York, counsel for the Buck Stove Co., when informed of the decision in the labor case at Washington, while in this city today, said: "This case ought to be the death knell of the boycott. If so, it is the most important decision in a labor controversy since the Debs case of 1906, from which it differs only in the fact that in the Debs case physical violence was used to paralyze interstate traffic, while in the Buck stove case the insidious and far more dangerous method of a national boycott was employed."

Boston, Dec. 23.—First Vice-President James Duncan of the American Federation of Labor said tonight: "I am of the opinion that the pardoning power of the President could be used right away in causing the release of President Gompers. If President Gompers is compelled to spend the year's term in jail he will conduct the affairs of the Federation in the jail in which he is confined. I think the decision is the most unjust that I have ever heard of. Other laborers, including President John F. Tobin, of the boot and shoe workers' union, expressed similar disapproval of the decision."

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 23.—"I think you will find that Mr. Gompers, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Morrison will never serve their sentences," was the comment of Commissioner General of Immigration D. J. Keefe, former vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, and head of the Longshoremen's Union, made regarding today's decision in the Buck Stove Company case.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 23.—W. D. Ryan, national secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers, of which John Mitchell was president, when the alleged boycott resolution was acted upon at the miners' convention a year ago, sent the following telegram to President Roosevelt: "As an official representative of the United Mine Workers of America, I emphatically protest against the court's decision in sending Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison to jail. I know of no law that has been violated by Gompers or Morrison in connection with the case in question and I am positive that Mitchell is absolutely innocent."

RAILWAYS PURCHASE VANCOUVER PROPERTY

False Creek Frontage For the Great Northern and Northern Pacific

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—With the object of securing new territory facilities for one or more big transcontinental railways, the biggest waterfront deal that has been put through in the city for many moons was partially closed today. That is, the negotiations for a transfer of False creek waterfront property to the value of over \$350,000 was concluded, but the agent of the purchasers, who are said to be the G.N. Ry. and the N.P. Ry., is still looking for more waterfront in that locality, provided the price is right.

Quietly and unobtrusively, E. A. Howard, of Chicago, who is said to be purchasing agent for an American transcontinental line, came here about a month ago, and since that time has not been idle in the real estate purchasing line. Equally quietly and unobtrusively he has purchased lot after lot, and in some cases whole blocks of waterfront on the north side of False creek, above the Westminster avenue bridge, until when the last of the numerous deals were closed yesterday. Mr. Howard was able to deposit in the registry office the deeds for no fewer than ten blocks of waterfront property.

The property involved in this big deal comprises all that stretch of waterfront on the north side of False creek, above False Creek, lying between Heatley avenue on the east and Boundary avenue on the west.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Immense Amount of Christmas Cheer to Be Distributed by Salvation Army

New York, Dec. 23.—A million and a half of men, women and children throughout the country, including 125,000 in Greater New York City alone, will be supplied with dinners, and upwards of 4,000 destitute New York children will be given toys, suited to their ages, on Xmas day, from the proceeds of this year's Salvation Army "kettle" contribution.

In Manhattan the dinners will be given out on Christmas morning at the Grand Central Palace, where 4,000 thousand more such baskets will be being dinner enough for five. A thousand more such baskets will be distributed at the same time from the Army headquarters in Brooklyn. Commander Miss Eva Booth, who has recently returned to her life's work after a long illness, said today that her idea, and that of the Army officials, was to give Christmas cheer to all who lack it most, whether called "good" or "bad" characters. Among the donations received by Miss Booth in aid of the work of the Salvation Army is a large 17 room house valued at \$20,000 at Long Branch, N.J. which will be used as a refuge home for children. The donor is a wealthy New York woman who prefers to have her identity remain unknown.

Another acquisition of value to the Salvation Army is a home for young women, a site for which has been purchased in Los Angeles, Cal. The building is soon to be erected at a cost of \$95,000, of which \$40,000 has been subscribed by residents of Los Angeles. It will replace the present structure, which has grown inadequate for the purpose for which it was intended.

To Be Party Whip.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—It is reported here that Dr. McGuire is likely to be the party whip, in succession to Thomas Taylor, who has been appointed minister.

GRAFT'S REIGN IN PITTSBURG

The City Aghast at Exposures Made in Trial of Accused Councilmen

SAN FRANCISCO OUTDONE

Practically Whole Body of the Civic Rulers Are Declared Ready for Bribes

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—Pittsburg was shaken from end to end today by the sensational testimony in connection with the newly disclosed municipal legislative scandal. The troubles of San Francisco are popularly declared to be tame in comparison. Furthermore it is stated that the developments today are mere preliminaries to subsequent steps against additional councilmen and business men.

The testimony offered in court today intimated strongly that over three score councilmen are "easy to reach," and the "reaching" necessitated only small sums, ranging from \$100 to \$500, and out of a mass of testimony came an apparent disclosure that a majority of the council body had been "reached." In the passage of one ordinance alone, it was testified that sixty councilmen had divided \$45,000. Sensations followed one another in rapid succession today during the hearing of the seven councilmen and two former bank officials arrested on charges of bribery, corrupt solicitation and conspiracy last Monday night.

W. W. Ramsey and A. A. Vilsack, former president and cashier of the German National bank, were first called for a hearing today. It was testified that they had been approached by Councilman John Klein, one of the accused, who stated that the bank would loan money for the city's funds. "If the German National bank would do as other banks have done," A witness further declared that after several conferences the bankers placed \$17,500 on a table in a room of the bank, and that Councilman Klein and a companion entered the room and a short time later left the bank. The bankers then visited the room and the money was gone. At the request of the directors both of the bank officials resigned last Saturday. They were held in bonds of \$14,000 each.

The seven councilmen, President Brand and Members Klein, Soffel, Wasson, Melaney, and Ferguson, of the common council, and Atkinson, of the select board, were then called for hearing. The principal witness was Robert Wilson, a private detective and superintendent of the municipal league of Scranton, Pa., who is employed by the Voters' League of Pittsburgh, which brings the complaint against the nine defendants.

Mr. Wilson's testimony was sensational. Aided by an assistant, it was told that Wilson engaged a room in a local hotel, cut holes in the door and walls of an adjoining room. Then a series of meetings was arranged with councilmen. His assistant, Herbert Jones, posed as a business man desiring certain ordinances passed, and during his conferences with the councilmen Wilson and a stenographer were stationed in the next room, making a full report of the transactions. During these conferences, Councilman Klein had a great deal to say regarding how completely councilmen were controlled by the accused men, the detective said. It was also testified that Klein and Brand each accepted \$500 from Jones in payment for securing the passage of an ordinance.

At a meeting held in another local hotel, Klein, it was testified, told Wilson how hard it was to divide money among the councilmen. To illustrate his remarks, it was testified that Councilman Klein told of how \$45,000 had to be split between sixty councilmen.

This money was alleged to have been received in connection with the construction of the filter beds at the new filtration plant of Pittsburgh. Councilman Klein, Mr. Wilson testified, said that the councilmen had different prices. Some councilmen, Klein told him, wanted \$100, some \$75, and some \$25, and still others \$5. According to Councilman Klein, Wilson related, the \$5 councilmen were known as "hoodlums." It was also possible to secure some councilman votes on some measures in return for a suit of clothes or for street car tickets.

With the exception of Klein and Wasson, all of the defendants immediately renewed their bonds for appearance for court trial and were released. In the aggregate the bonds amounted to \$118,000.

ROYAL TOMBS ROBBED

Burglars Break Into Danish Cathedral and Carry Off Valuable Memorials

Copenhagen, Dec. 23.—The cathedral at Rostkilde, the burial place for centuries past of the Danish Kings, was looted by burglars last night and a large number of costly gold and silver wreaths, urns and shields were carried away. The tombs of both King Christian and Queen Louise were robbed of all and valuable gold and silver memorials sent by the crowned heads of Europe and the cities of Denmark.

Killed by Horse's Kick

Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 23.—Seven-year-old Arthur Hodder is dead as the result of a kick from a horse while he was playing in his father's poultry yard in Smith township.

No Cabs Run in New York.

New York, Dec. 23.—All efforts to settle the strike of the cab drivers affiliated with the Liberty Dawn association failed today, and tonight New York is confronted with a prospect of a practically cabless holiday season.

Toronto Burglary

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Burglars last night got away with \$3,000 worth of furs from the premises of Wagner, Brazier & Company, Bay street.

Old Church Burned.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—The Roman Catholic church at Coteau du Lac, forty miles from Montreal, was destroyed by fire tonight. It was fifty years old and valued at \$60,000.

Trade Commissioner MacLean Dead

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Alexander MacLean, Canadian trade commissioner to China, is dead at Shanghai. News of his death was received at his former home here, but not the details. Mr. MacLean was formerly a well known newspaper man, publisher and writer and was at one time part owner of the Montreal Herald. He was 73 years old.

Toronto Nominations

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Municipal nominations were held in Toronto today. The nominations for mayor and board of control were made at noon, and the nominations for aldermen tonight. The majority candidates are Joseph Oliver, (present mayor), Thomas Davies, W. A. Douglas, J. M. Briggs and J. Lindala. Board of control: P. S. Spence, W. S. Harrison, V. P. Hubbard, H. C. Hocken, J. J. Ward (present controllers); B. R. Geary, James Hales, R. B. Noble, James O'Hara, F. O. Sabine and J. Simpson.

Bonus System Works Well

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Since the close of navigation close upon \$50,000 has been paid out by the various shipping companies to 1600 longshoremen who qualified for the bonus, and who earned it by working well and regularly from the opening to the close of the season. The development of the scheme has had the effect of doing away with all agitation on the wharves. Since the bonus system was introduced, after when he announced the scheme, there has been no shortage of labor towards the end of the navigation season. A few years back the last weeks of the seasons were very anxious times for shipowners and underwriters, who did not know whether it would be possible to get ships discharged, loaded and away before the ice came.

MARINE DEPARTMENT ENQUIRY IS CLOSED

Judge Cassels to Have Report Ready Before Opening of Session

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The inquiry into the marine department was concluded this afternoon. Mr. Justice Cassels expects to have his report ready soon after parliament opens next month. At this morning's session Mr. Watson, counsel for the government, endeavored to bring out the facts as to the rumor that J. F. Fraser, suspended commissioner of lights, had been allowed to enter the department after his suspension and destroy or alter files. One department official admitted that Mr. Fraser had extracted from the files a number of pages referred to in the report of the civil service commission, but this official had no knowledge of any portions of the files having been destroyed or altered.

Mr. Watson put in a statement showing that in three years the payments to the Canadian Marine Signal company (Willson company), totalling \$520,919.

At the afternoon session Capt. Spain was recalled and said he did not know when it was he went to Fort William, but he went. He was evidently mistaken as regards the dates, and confessed that he could not supply the corrections. Capt. Spain swore he was in Quebec from July 8 to 11, inclusive, and was then confronted with evidence taken before him in Montreal on the 6th and 9th. He could not explain.

Several other witnesses were examined, but nothing startling resulted.

Small Blaze in Vancouver.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—Spontaneous combustion set fire to a desk in the rear of the Paterson Timber company's office about noon today. A lot papers in the desk were destroyed, but besides that no damage was done.

Dr. Dwight Honored

Toronto, Dec. 23.—H. P. Dwight, president of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company, to day reached his 80th year, an occasion marked by the presentation to him by officials of the company of a handsome scarf pin.

New Cabinet in Portugal.

Lisbon, Dec. 23.—A new cabinet has been formed, headed by Dr. W. Des-Pedra. Dr. Lima is premier. The previous cabinet resigned last week because of the declaration of the Regeneration party that it would no longer support the government.

Died on Street Car

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Jeremiah Mullin, who was secretary to Hon. J. Curran when the latter was solicitor-general for Canada, and was also secretary to Charles Fitzpatrick when Minister of Justice, died of heart failure while on a street car this morning.

The Pope's Health.

Rome, Dec. 23.—The Pope today received the Right Rev. Richard Scallan, Bishop of Omaha, in private audience. All the customary receptions to the cardinals, the members of the diplomatic corps, the aristocracy and personages of the court who are wont to come to the pope every year to present Christmas and New Year's greetings, have been suspended this year. This is partly because greetings were presented to the Pontiff but a few weeks ago on the occasion of his jubilee celebration, and partly because the Holy Father has not yet recovered his usual strength after his recent indisposition. The physicians of the Pope do not wish him to be subjected to unnecessary fatigue.

Castro's Future.

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AGAIN FRIENDLY WITH VENEZUELA

United States and Other Countries Gratified By Change of Government.

NEGOTIATIONS NOW GO ON

Decree Aimed at Dutch Commerce Suspended By Acting President

Washington, Dec. 23.—After an interval of eight months, the United States has resumed friendly relations with Venezuela, and Wm. I. Buchanan has left this country on the cruiser North Carolina as a special commissioner to report upon the situation. The question whether the United States will accord formal recognition to the new government will depend largely upon Mr. Buchanan's report as to its ability to maintain a stable institution and to fulfill treaty obligations. It has not yet been fully established that Gomez would agree that it will retain its powers without trouble for there still remain adherents of President Castro. A possibility that disorder may arise is indicated in a request for an American warship at La Guaira, to which the United States government promptly responded.

Secretary of State Root was pleased when he announced that President Gomez wished to settle all international questions. He has felt all along that the situation in Venezuela would work itself out if the Venezuelans were left to themselves. Some significance was at first attached to the fact that Mr. Root had referred to Gomez as president in his statement to the press, and this was taken to indicate the attitude of the government. It was explained that such a reference had been made in the communication which came to the department through the Brazilian officials. It is expected that the Dutch warships will be withdrawn from Venezuela and that other diplomatic relations between Holland and Venezuela would be resumed or a commissioner would be dispatched to Caracas, as in the case of the United States. The refusal in March last by the Castro administration to consider separately the questions in controversy between the two countries made it plain that diplomacy would accomplish nothing further towards their settlement. This deadlock was made clear to the United States senate, but congress adjourned without taking any action in the matter. Five claims which form the basis of the last negotiations were those of S. A. F. Guaretti, who was expelled from the country; the Qhino corporation; Foreign Motor Van company; the New York and Bermudez Asphalt company, and the United States and Venezuelan company, the amounts involved running nominally into millions of dollars. By what measure they are to be settled is a question for the future.

Placating Holland

The Hague, Dec. 23.—The revocation of the transshipment decree of May 14 by the Venezuelan Government was announced in the houses of parliament covering by Foreign Minister Van Swinderen. It was this decree that made most of the trouble between Venezuela and the Netherlands. Under its terms the transshipment of goods at Willemstad destined for Venezuela was proscribed, and its operation worked much injury to the commerce of the Dutch. The foreign minister's words were as follows: "Following the discovery of a plot against the life of the vice president of Venezuela, Juan Vicente Gomez, a ministry was formed and supported by the supporters of President Castro were cast into prison."

"On December 21 acting President Gomez, as an evidence of friendliness and pending later negotiations by duly appointed delegates, ordered a stay of execution in the decree of May 14, and expressed the hope that the Netherlands similarly would suspend the naval demonstration in Venezuelan waters."

"Pending the establishment of a Venezuelan consulate at Curacao, the German consul there has been authorized to grant shipping clearances."

France Pleased.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The French newspapers hall with satisfaction what they consider the definite decision of Castro to command the energetic attitude of Holland as an important influence in the collapse of a reign of violence and security. The Temps approves of the peaceful proclamations issued by acting president Gomez and foresees the possibilities of a settlement of the difficulties with the powers, France included.

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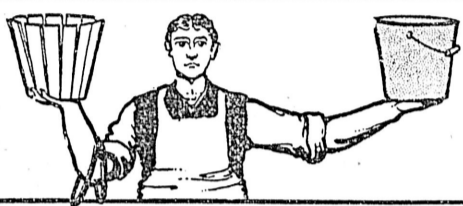
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PUBLIC MEETING AT OAK BAY NEXT MONTH

Acting Reeve Henderson Will Outline Work of Past Year—The Elections

On January 6th, according to present intentions a public meeting will be held at the new schoolhouse, Oak Bay, at which the councillors will address the ratepayers on the public work of the past year and the plans for the new term. There will be one more regular session of the body presided over by Acting Reeve Henderson before that date, at which the business still in abeyance will be cleaned up as far as practicable and definite arrangements made for the gathering mentioned.

While no resident of the district, apart from the present representatives, has declared his intention to become a candidate at the elections of the municipality which take place on the 16th of next month, there are rumors abroad indicating that there will be contests in at least one or two of the wards.

Oak Bay is divided into three sections, the north, central and south wards. The former embraces all that property lying north of Bowker creek, and now represented by Acting Reeve Henderson and Councillor Herick McGregor. The central takes in that situated between Bowker Creek and McNeill and Saratoga Avenues. Those elected there last year were Councillors Fernie and Noble. The south ward includes that part of the Oak Bay municipality lying south of the central district. It is represented on the council by Messrs. Newton and Pemberton.

The withdrawal of Reeve Oliver and the appointment to his place of Councillor Henderson who will run for reeve, makes a vacancy in the north ward. In the centre ward Councillor Noble, it is understood, will again be a candidate, while Councillor Fernie will retire. Thus there will be another place to fill. Both Councillors Newton and Pemberton intend allowing their names to be placed in nomination for another term of office and, as far as can be gathered, they will not be opposed.

In the speech to be delivered by Acting Reeve Henderson on the occasion of next month's public meeting, he will outline the important public works which have been carried through during the last twelve months, dwelling particularly on the improvements to the main thoroughfares and the construction of new roadways in the endeavor to open up the residential sections of the district. The admirable drainage system installed also will receive attention and reference. It is expected, will be made to the purchase of machinery which will facilitate the repairing of the streets in the future.

In all probability the Acting Reeve will discuss the works to be undertaken next year and under this heading will be the installation of a water distribution system which, not only will meet all present requirements, but will also be so arranged as to provide for the needs of the community as it becomes more thickly populated.

Committee Takes Day Off.

Tomorrow being Christmas there will be no Friday meeting of the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

Shot Timber Wolf.

A large timber wolf was shot at Koksilah by William McClung.

Christmas Car Service.

The street cars tomorrow commence running at 9 a.m. The last cars leave the city for all points at 11.40 p.m. There will be a 20-minute service on Fort street and Oak Bay lines, the same as Sunday.

Goodson-Hartmann Concert.

The box office for the big concert next week will be open at 10 a.m. on Monday next. Season tickets for the Victoria Musical society's concerts can be obtained from Walt & Co. A considerable saving is effected by taking these course tickets.

Service at Lutheran Church.

The German Lutheran congregation will hold their Christmas service and Christmas carols will be sung at their church on Mears street, on Christmas night, at 7.30 p.m. The children have practiced for the occasion and presents will be distributed from the Christmas tree.

Salvation Army Tree.

The Salvation Army are having their Christmas tree and entertainment to-night in their hall, 1412 Broad, at 8 p.m. Quite a programme will be given by the children, consisting of songs, recitations and drills. Santa Claus has arranged to be present and will distribute the gifts.

Ministers Separating

The ministers separated yesterday evening to go home for the Christmas holidays. The Premier and Dr. Young will, of course, spend Christmas in Victoria, but Mr. Cotton went back to Vancouver last night, and Mr. Fulton to Kamloops and Mr. Taylor to Revelstoke. They will be back early in the week.

Does Not Carry Letters.

The sale of Christmas stamps by the Anti-Tuberculosis association has resulted in a dozen or more people using the Christmas stamp instead of the government's stamp for letters posted at the Victoria post office, with the result that the addressees of the letters in question have been called upon to pay double postage as usual when insufficient postage is paid.

Pensions for Teachers

Among the questions which are occupying the attention of the Hon. Dr. Young is that of the participation of school teachers in the pension scheme which the government is going to bring in at the next session of the House. While the matter is not yet determined, it is probable that a way will be devised by which the teachers will be

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Preparing New Offices

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Cemetery Extension

The B. C. Electric company has not yet decided when the service on the Cook street extension out past the cemetery will be inaugurated. The work of construction is being pushed ahead and the steel is now laid to a point some distance past the cemetery. It was hoped that the service would be commenced by the new year, but the exact date has not been fixed. When the service is inaugurated, it will likely be a twenty-minute one, and will prove of great convenience to residents of that district.

Car Service Held Up

Damage to one of the power transmission lines of the B. C. Electric company yesterday afternoon tied up the car service for a few minutes. Some one engaged in blasting stumps near the Victoria gardens blew up one of the lines with the same charge which hoisted a stump. It took fifteen minutes before the necessary power from the steam plant on Store street could be brought into use. The repairs to the transmission line were immediately undertaken and soon repaired.

Post Office Busy

The post office is a busy place these days. The place is thronged throughout the day, mostly during the afternoon, with bundle-laden people, and the stamp vendors are busier than at any other time during the year. The receipts have been far in excess of previous years, the sales of postage stamps totalling, probably, 25 per cent. more than last Christmas season. The increase in business is noted in every branch at the post office. The money-order business was far greater than that done during the Christmas season last year, and the incoming and outgoing parcel post was over a quarter as much more than that of last year, while an almost equivalent increase is noted in the city parcels and letters. The Christmas mails have been heavier than ever before.

NEW POLICE DISTRICT IN BOUNDARY COUNTRY

Increase in Population Necessitates Redistribution for Provincial Police

Owing to the increase in the police work and the growth of that section of the province adjoining the international boundary line a new provincial police district has been formed to be known as the Boundary district. The new district will comprise the electoral riding of Grand Forks, Greenwood and Similkameen, and will be formed from portions of the present provincial police districts of Vernon, Kamloops and Nelson. The new district, which has heretofore been under the supervision of Chief Provincial Constable W. J. Devitt, of Nelson, will be in charge of Chief Constable Charles J. Bunbury, of Kamloops, who will be transferred to Greenwood, where he will make his headquarters. Under him will be about twelve provincial constables stationed at the various centres of population.

With the increase in population and the close proximity of the boundary across which, of late, criminals have entered the province, pilfered their trade and disappeared, it has been found necessary to concentrate the police work as the great extent of territory over which Chief Constable Devitt has been forced to supervise, has proved too unwieldy. The new district will make the twelfth into which the province has been divided.

Nurses in New Quarters

The nurses, twenty-seven in number, moved during yesterday and last evening into their new quarters at the Royal Jubilee hospital, and are delighted with their pleasant and beautifully furnished apartments. This fine new addition to the hospital's accommodation will be formally opened on Tuesday afternoon, the 5th of January.

To Address Committee.

Mr. A. W. Sutton, the Geologist of the Wellington Coal Mining Co., will appear before the Victoria City and Vancouver Island Development Co., at the Board of Trade rooms this morning, and give evidence respecting the best methods, which in his opinion can be adopted for bringing the great resources and the extraordinary potentialities of this city, its vicinage and the whole Island before the outside world. Col. E. G. Prior is the energetic chairman of this committee, whose labors promise to be of the most beneficial possible character.

Celebrate Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Allan, 549, Niagara street, were yesterday the recipients of congratulations from a host of friends on the occasion of the celebration of their silver wedding. Twenty-five years ago Mr. and Mrs. Allan were married at Plymouth, England, and four years later came to Victoria, where they have resided ever since. For twenty-one years Mr. Allan has been a member of the local police force and both Mrs. Allan and himself have a host of friends, who will congratulate them on the completion of their quarter of a century of married life. Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Allan entertained a number of their intimate friends at their home on Niagara street, when a delightful evening was spent. Many valuable presents were received by them from their friends.

After Canadian Trade

London, Dec. 22.—It is learned that a German line of steamers is threatened in direct competition with the Allan line from Havre. The Liverpool rumor that the Allan line will retire from the North Atlantic conference if the White Star line enters the Canadian trade is ridiculed in Liverpool shipping circles. It is stated that the Allan line knows nothing of any possible rate war.

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DENT'S WALKING GLOVES, tan and slate, \$2.00, \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.00

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Large Bond Issue

New York, Dec. 22.—The board of directors of the Chesapeake Railway authorized an issue of \$37,000,000 five per cent bonds. Of this amount \$11,000,000 will be issued at once.

For Breaking Quarantine

St. John, N. B., Dec. 22.—William Mahoney and Roselle McCarthy, both residents of Chatham, broke diphtheria quarantine two weeks ago and got married. This morning each was fined \$40, and, not having the money, they were sent to jail.

Election Petitions Dismissed

St. John, N. B., Dec. 22.—Judge McLeod this afternoon dismissed the election protests against four New Brunswick members of the Commons. Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Dr. Daniel, Mr. Crockett and Mr. McAllister, because the petitions were filed too late. He ordered the deposits to be returned to the petitioners.

CHILDREN ENJOY A CHRISTMAS TREAT

Annual Entertainment of St. Andrew's Sunday School Great Success

The children attending the St. Andrew's Church Sunday School, were entertained at tea last evening in the lecture room; the younger at 5 o'clock and the elder at 6 o'clock, while later in the evening the upper-room was thronged with the children, their parents and friends, when a couple of hours were spent in very pleasant fashion. The pastor, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, opened the proceedings with a few appropriate and seasonable remarks, warmly welcoming the children upon this recurrence of the annual festival, and congratulating them upon the happy results which had attended upon the labors of the past year. He wished them all, both parents and Sunday School teachers, as well as the children, a most Merry Christmas and a most Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The programme included a chorus which was charmingly rendered by the Primary Class, more tots; a recitation which was excellently given by Miss Jean Burridge, a whistling solo, "Let us Away," which was splendidly done by Miss Mable Carruthers, who gave "Joy Bells," in response to a very hearty encore; piano solo by Misses Phoebe Lay, Margaret Clay and Alice Murisset; recitations by Misses Ella Pottinger, Mildred Robertson, and Rietta Robertson, and Jimmie Pottinger; duet by Misses Jean and Margaret Burridge; song by Misses Kate Kenwick and Jean Burridge; choruses by Miss Polsons, Miss Springs, and Miss Paterson's classes; and dialogues by Miss Sinclair's class.

The programme closed with singing of "The Maple Leaf Forever," which was sung with much vigor, the somewhat shrill childish treble of the younger children showing in marked and pleasant contrast with the fuller and deeper notes of their elders. While the youngsters joined with the most charming naïveté in the applause which greeted their patriotic effort, Eager and a joyous shout, and much laughter hailed the entrance of Mr. Eldridge, one of the teachers, who clad in a great coon-skin coat sashed with sleigh bells fur hat, mask and long typical beard, played the part of Santa Claus, and in due course bestowed upon each pupil a large package of apples, candies and nuts.

Two prizes will be awarded upon the afternoon of the first Sunday in the New Year to members of each class, being given (1) for general proficiency, and (2) for regularity in attendance.

A pretty Christmas tree, which ever and anon, blazed and sparkled with flashing lights, embellished the platform, but this feature was added to the evening's entertainment, merely for decorative purposes, for in lieu of presenting gifts upon the evening of the year, the children bring each a gift, which when they are properly packed are at the earliest possible moment forwarded to the Indian children at the Ahousat Mission on the West Coast of the Island.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Among the passengers on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver this morning were: D. McKenzie, M. White, Miss Bulwin, R. H. Lowndes, Miss Baynes, D. P. Clark, S. McIntyre, Mrs. McRae, C. H. Cooper, M. Carmichael, L. C. Scott, P. J. Russell.

Arrangements have been completed for the Christmas ball and entertainment to be given tonight by the management and employees of the Empress hotel. It is expected there will be a large attendance as a large number of guests have been invited. Those attending are requested to present their cards at the door.

On Dec. 30th the Women's University club will hold a reception in the Alexandra club. The guests of honor will be the members of the Vancouver University club. A delightful programme has been promised. On the afternoon of the 31st a joint literary meeting of the two societies will be held.

Hon. D. M. Eberts left Victoria on Monday for Vancouver en route for Montreal, where he will visit his daughter, Miss Eberts, who is spending the winter months there. After leaving Montreal Mr. Eberts intends going on to New York for a short visit.

At St. Paul's Manse, Dundas street, Victoria West, on Saturday evening, the Rev. D. Macleod officiating, the marriage took place of Mr. Ernest Gerhard to Mrs. Thorne Strait, both of Victoria, where they are to make their home.

AMUSEMENTS

The New Grand

The splendid bill of feature acts at the New Grand, with Mlle Joyce Gray, the beautiful French Salome dancer, as the big novelty is drawing enormous business and Mr. Jamieson states that if it keeps up to the end of the week, which it undoubtedly will, the best record of the house will be broken. Besides Miss Gray, the bill included Stephen Gratton, assisted by Miss Genevieve Cliff, in "Locked Out at 3 a.m."; Margaret Severance and Co., in "Nowadays"; Earl Girdler and his dogs, and the illustrated overture. There will be the usual afternoon and evening performance on Christmas Day.

The Pantages Theatre.

With five big features on the bill besides the regular illustrated song and moving pictures, attractions at the Pantages the Christmas week show is very attractive one, with its Graceful, Dancing Girls, The Four English Belles, The Merry Juggler, Toshia with his bewildering dexterity and side splitting comedy, seemingly impossible to one completely insane, The Raymond Dud, with the only woman on earth riding a unicycle in mid-air. During this act, Raymond presents a neat little comedy extravaganza, entitled "The Tall Guy."

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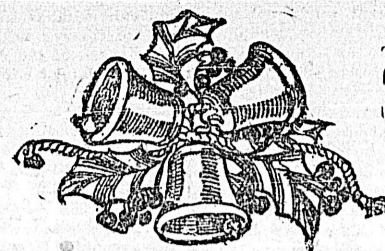
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SEALERS' ADVENTURES

Schooner Agnes C. Donahue Saves the Men of Norwegian Steamer—New Sealing Grounds

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 23.—News was received today that the Halifax schooner Agnes C. Donahue had saved thirty-two men from the Norwegian steamer Solgilt, wrecked in the Indian ocean, and landed them at Durban, South Africa. Forty others from the same steamer were taken off an island, where they had been marooned.

The Solgilt left Norway in August and was stated to be in a colonization commission, but it is reported here that Captain Bull had discovered new sealing waters.

Capt. Balcom, of the Donahue, announced before leaving Halifax that he would seek new sealing grounds, hence his presence in the Indian ocean.

CASE OF ZAPORA

Capt. Newcombe Reported as Stating That Tacoma Fishing Steamer Was Fined

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—D. G. S. Kestrel returned to port yesterday after six weeks in northern waters.

Capt. Newcombe reports that the cruiser was kept busy chasing a number of American halibut steamers which were spled operating inside the limits. While no captures were made, the season for the poachers could not have been very profitable, as a result of the heckling given them by the patrol. The Zapora, a Tacoma halibut steamer, was fined \$1,600 for purchasing bait at Alert bay, where there is no customs officer.

Lulu Island Farmer Injured.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—While engaged in harnessing a team of horses to a heavy wagon, Alfred Smith, a well

known rancher of Lulu Island, was probably fatally injured last evening. He was standing between the horses against the pole of the wagon, and had almost completed the task when, for some reason, the animals took fright suddenly and dashed forward. The man was tangled helplessly in the harness, wheels and flying hoots and was borne, shrieking, against the side of another heavy wagon that stood nearby. There, still carried on the pole, he was dashed full against the wagon and the horses stopped. When picked up, Smith was horribly crushed and mangled and may die.

Intercolonial Railway

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The World's St. John, N. B., correspondent quotes President Foster of the board of trade of that city, as saying that he believed the people of New Brunswick would rebel against the intercolonial being handed over to a private company. The Halifax correspondent of the same paper says the belief in Halifax, and in Nova Scotia generally, is that the people would bitterly resent the government disposing of the people's railway. They would welcome more railways into the province, and would be willing to see the C. P. R. judiciously utilized for the accomplishment of that purpose. They would especially welcome the C. P. R.

In Grip of Winter.

Plattsburg, N.Y., Dec. 23.—Upper New York state, and particularly the Adirondack region, is in the grip of one of the most severe cold spells it has ever experienced so early in the winter. The mercury at Lake Placid registered 22 degrees below today, while at Upper Chateaugay lake it stood at 19 below and at other nearby points from 12 to 18 below. Up-state farmers whose wells have been dry for months, and who have been depending upon the streams for their water supply, are suffering greatly owing to the freezing of the brooks,

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farmers at Eltenburg having been forced to drive five miles for water.

Value of Canada's Crops.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The census bureau tonight issued a statement giving the value of Canada's field crops for the year as \$432,533,000, grown on 27,505,663 acres of land. The northwest wheat crop is valued at \$72,424,000.

Mr. Harriman's Health.

New York, Dec. 23.—E. H. Harriman's secretary, Albert C. Wells, again denied tonight that the physical condition of the financier was serious. During the few days that Mr. Harriman has remained at home in consequence of what was described as a slight bilious attack, there have been

rumors that he was quite sick. It is said that Mr. Harriman is only availing himself of the brief holiday respite from office routine.

Postal Revenue Large

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The report of the postmaster-general for the year ended March 31 shows a net surplus of \$1,082,301, the best showing in the history of the Canadian postoffice. This surplus is in spite of a very large expansion in the postal service, including the establishment of 446 new postoffices. It is estimated that 398,011,000 letters were posted in Canada in the twelve months ending March 31, an increase over the previous year of 31,916,000.

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

The stores were thronged with people yesterday afternoon. The general opinion was that there never before were as many buyers in evidence on the second day before Christmas as there was yesterday. The very fine spring-like weather had something to do with it, but the real cause is to be found in the fact that there are many more people in Victoria and its suburbs than there ever were and that the year has on the whole been a fairly prosperous one for the great body of the community. But whatever the cause or causes may have been, the fact is that the people were out in force and every merchant in the city was getting his share of an exceptionally good Christmas trade.

Only today is left for Christmas shopping, and it would be well for every one who can do so, to visit the stores early in the day. There will be fuller stocks to select from, a better opportunity to be served and greater satisfaction all round than will be possible if all the shopping is postponed until the afternoon or evening. It will help the merchants greatly in the delivery of the goods if purchases are made early and be very advantageous to the clerks, whose work at this season of the year is very trying. Therefore we suggest to Colonist readers that they should shop early—and often if they can.

CONVENTIONS AND CAUCUSES.

Canadians borrowed two things from their American neighbors concerning the utility of which, from the public point of view, there may be considerable doubt. They are the party convention and the party caucus. When we say convention we do not mean the organization conventions such as are held annually or at less frequent intervals to keep up a party organization, but conventions for the nomination of candidates. By a caucus we mean the meeting of the members of the legislature belonging to any party with the view of deciding how all measures shall be considered, the result being that the votes cast in the House afterwards are not indicative of individual opinion. A quarter of a century ago a party convention in Canada for the nomination of candidates was a very unusual thing. Those who aspired to representative positions issued their cards and did their own work of organization. He would be a rash man who would affirm that we get better results under the convention plan than we got under the old one. The nominating convention develops party bossism. In very many cases it is all understood in advance who will get the nomination, and except in the case of recognized leaders, the men usually chosen are selected because they are colorless in their politics and perhaps possess some personal elements of popularity. There was a time when constituents returning two or more representatives would have a half-dozen or more candidates. As the campaign progressed these candidates would form groups and have their names printed on the same ballot paper, for in those days we did not have the present so-called secret ballot. Men prepared their own ballots or used those printed by the candidates. Hence when two or more names were printed on the same paper it used to be said that the candidates thereon named were "on the same ticket," which meant that they were helping each other. Now the "ticket," which is no longer a ticket at all, is made up at the party convention. We question the claim of the new system to be considered better than the old one, even in the case where only one candidate is to be nominated. The convention may secure the election of the man the party managers want, but perhaps it is not always well for the public that the managers should have their own way.

As to the Caucus, the Colonist rarely has had anything to say in favor of it. That the government ought to consult its supporters occasionally we thoroughly believe; that on all important measures involving matters of policy it is desirable to secure in advance a promise of adherence from the members of the party, we admit without argument. But we do not think it desirable that the details of measures should be threshed out in caucus. The proper place for the consideration of details is the floor of the House, either at Ottawa or Victoria. One reason why the caucus is called together so often to consider matters, that might well be left open, is due to a misunderstanding of the effect of an adverse vote in the House. Let us suppose that the government of the day proposes as a matter of policy to operate a line of airships as a public enterprise, but the measure when in-

troduced is defeated. The resignation of the government would not necessarily follow. The Premier might decide to make it an issue, in which event he might resign or he might ask for a dissolution; but he would not be bound to take either one course or the other. He might let the measure drop and await the further action of the House. A conspicuous illustration of this occurred in a Canadian provincial legislature. The government was defeated upon the Address, but the Premier made no announcement. A few minutes afterwards he was defeated on a motion to adjourn, and he thereupon announced that he would consult the lieutenant-governor. He did so, and the next day came to the House and announced his resignation. This is an extreme case. If a defeat on a question of policy does not necessarily involve the resignation of a government, much less does a defeat on a question of details. Hence a government is always safe to leave the House free in the matter of details, for it can always withdraw a bill if it is amended so as to defeat or impair the object for which it has been introduced.

These observations are made apropos of nothing in particular, but simply because it is well occasionally to discuss first principles. Neither the Dominion nor the local parliamentary body is in session and while there are a few bye-elections in sight there is not likely to be any convention held in respect to either of them. Now and again, when no one is thinking about any special matter, it is just as well to talk a little about the things which go to make up our institutions. As the constitution of the State of Washington says: "A frequent recurrence to first principles is desirable for the proper understanding of our system of government."

THE INTERCOLONIAL.

Yesterday in a reference to the coming session of Parliament we referred to the rumors about as to the transfer of the Intercolonial Railway to a private company. We find the following in the Toronto World:

The Montreal Herald has a long editorial which begins and ends nowhere, but would seem to be breaking ground for the lease or sale of the Intercolonial. It is too much the fashion to hold up this system as illustrating the defects of public ownership. Those who have occasion to travel upon the I.C.R. find excellent service, good meals at reasonable prices, and probably a better return for their money than many railways owned and operated by private corporations. It is not a money-maker, and no doubt some grafting has gone on in the railway department as in other departments. The grafting should be stopped, if it does exist, but the system must remain under government ownership and control. When the C.P.R. is operating its section between Quebec and Moncton we will be able to make some exact comparisons, because of course the I.C.R. will cross the St. Lawrence when the new Quebec bridge is built.

The Toronto World is a very staunch advocate of government ownership, and we are not surprised that it should take this stand. There is no doubt that the Intercolonial has been handled more with the view of giving good service than of making a profit, and we are not sure if this is not the correct principle, assuming, of course, that business principles prevail in the management. The people of Canada must not lose sight of the part which the promise of this railway played in bringing about Confederation. So important was it deemed that the British North America Act contains the following very unusual provision.

"Inasmuch as the provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick have joined in a declaration that the construction of the Intercolonial Railway is essential to the consolidation of British North America and to the ascent of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick thereto and have consequently agreed that provision should be made for its immediate construction by the government of Canada, Therefore etc., etc."

Thus the Intercolonial Railway was the corner stone of the Dominion, and if it has not proved a financial success, its failure in that regard does not of itself call for its abandonment as a public work. The people of the eastern Maritime Provinces have some right in this connection, which ought to be respected. It is largely a matter for them to decide. We have a telegram from St. John this morning indicating how the people there feel about it.

SOME IMMIGRANTS.

The somewhat heated discussion, which was carried on in the press not long ago about Englishmen in Canada, has done good. It has led to some investigation, and a correspondent of the London Times has reached the conclusion that the "misfits" are men, who would be out of place anywhere, and were helped to get to Canada by some people, who hoped they might do better here than they could even expect to do at home. He describes them as "helpless shiftless wrecks," who are "doomed to fall wherever they go." In another place the correspondent speaks of them as "poor derelicts who never had a chance." He says that Canadians pity them and help them, but can really do nothing with them. He thinks that the presence of great numbers of these unhappy people in England presents a very grave problem, but one that England must solve, for he regards it as a mistake to suppose that "clearer skies, a more generous space and unvisited air will transform a man or woman, who has attained full growth from a useless to useful member of the community." In our judgment the problem presented by the existence of such a class of people in England

is among the most important and most difficult with which the government of the country is confronted. We hear much of the defence of England against danger from without, but nothing of the need of protection against danger from within. Yet the former menace is largely imaginary and at any rate is in futuro, while the latter is actual and present today. The emigration of the unfit only makes a bad matter worse. We are much impressed with the idea that private philanthropy will have to grapple with these unhappy conditions by improving them at home.

An interesting reference to the displays in the shops of Victoria at Christmas forty years ago will be found on page five.

The disposition to sympathize with the Kaiser is reflected in all quarters nowadays. A Paris cable reads: "Mr. Fiedling is granting no interviews to the press."

Germany rushed over Castro only to learn that his own country had repudiated him. Germany of late seems to have had a bad run of luck in international matters.

On the principle that "those who live in glass houses ought not to throw stones," Canadians will manifest but small disposition to talk about the amazing graft disclosures in Pittsburg, Pa.

An Ottawa despatch says that Mr. W. H. Gallihier ex-M.P. for Kootenay is spoken of as successor to Mr. Greenway on the Railway Commission. At one time Mr. Templeman was spoken of in the same connection.

A shipment of British Columbia apples has been successfully marketed in Australia. The possibilities for the development of the fruit-growing industry in this province are simply incalculable.

The holiday shopping season of 1908, which has now practically drawn to a close, is pronounced by all tradesmen to have been easily the most successful in the history of Victoria. In no city in Canada are business conditions more satisfactory, nor the outlook more promising.

The Fernie Free Press has a man on its staff who is wasting time in British Columbia. In preparing an item telling of the hanging in New Westminster, the other day of a Chinaman, a mulatto and a negro, he headed it "For a White Canada!" There is a vacancy on the staff of Punch for a man who can do things like that.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier would be doing a very popular thing if he were to decide to offer the portfolio of Marine and Fisheries to Judge Cassels, who seems to have developed an extraordinary faculty for discovering "leaks" which, if stopped, would mean the saving of large sums of money to the taxpayers of Canada.

In a letter received at Winnipeg the other day from Sir Hugh Allan that gentleman states that in all probability he will accept the position of High Commissioner for Canada, and says that in the meantime he cannot make any further business plans. His selection for this important post will we think, be universally approved of.

That very great strides have been made in the direction of cheaper cable rates throughout the Empire is indicated from the remarks of Hon. R. Lemieux, who has just returned from London. Indeed, there seems the best of reason for believing that at a comparatively early date cabling between Europe and America will be materially reduced.

As a result of some experiments which have been in progress in the Dairy School at St. Hyacinthe, the Quebec government announces that it has been proved that milk bottled by the Gaulin Machine will keep in excellent condition for over a month. This is of decided interest and importance. The discovery is one, we should imagine, calculated to prove of great benefit.

A remarkably interesting story comes from London. About 50 hitherto unknown water colors and oil paintings by Turner were displayed for the first time at the National Gallery. The water colors were found in a portfolio behind a bookcase which had not been moved for years. They needed only a slight cleaning. The oil paintings were found in a paper parcel in a storeroom. This is the second recent discovery of Turner's works. It is recalled that a score of his pictures were found about three weeks ago.

It is very gratifying to be told, on the authority of an Ottawa correspondent, that there will be much less suffering among the poorer classes of Canada this winter than last. The reason for this is the fact that the new immigration restrictions have kept out of Canada many foreigners, and it was largely among the penniless and friendless new arrivals that distress and suffering was formerly found. Work being thus better distributed, the laboring classes will not face the hardships this winter which has been their portion for many preceding years.

The London Times in a recent issue had the following letter, which King Edward sent to Mr. Carnegie: "I have for some time past been anxious to express to you my sense of your generosity for the great public objects which you have presented to this country, the land of your birth. Scarcely less admirable than the gifts themselves is the great care and thought

you have taken in guarding against their misuse. I am anxious to tell you how warmly I recognize your most generous benefactions and the great services they are likely to confer on the country. As a mark of recognition I hope you will accept the portrait of myself, which I am sending you."

The distress amongst the poor in the British Isles this season is reported to be very great. Here is a terrible picture of the situation in London in respect to the problem of underfed children: "At its annual meeting, the London Education committee recommended that power be sought from the county council to draw £10,000 sterling, to be expended during the next few weeks in keeping together the bodies and souls of thousands of half-starved waifs who arrive at the schools in anything but a fit condition to learn their lessons."

There appears to be little prospect of a race for the America Cup next year. This is a matter for regret, as this event is undeniably the most attractive international yacht race of the world. But the situation seems hopeless. The main issue is thus described by the London Field: "The New York Yacht Club has adopted the Universal Rule. It should therefore be open for the Royal Irish Yacht Club, or any other recognized body, to challenge for the America's Cup under the Universal Rule. So long as this condition is not open, so long will it be felt by sportsmen all the world over that the New York Yacht Club is not doing its best to encourage international competition in the shape of a further race for the America's Cup"

A pleasing incident occurred some days ago at the official banquet given by the business men of Ceylon in honor of the officers of the United States battleship fleet. In presenting 15,000 pounds of tea to the officers and men of the fleet the chairman of the Planters' association expressed admiration for the unparalleled achievement of marshaling the American fleet in a stately procession from sea to sea. The Ceylon planter, he said, especially sympathized with the American nation and appreciated the absence from its tariff of a duty on tea, and also the new pure food law, which was aiding the consumption of Ceylon tea. Admiration, sympathy and gratitude, he said, prompted the gift of tea. Col. Sir Henry Edward McCallum, the governor of Ceylon, said that the prosperity of Australia, Hong Kong, and the Straits Settlements was due to the crown colony government and that America would have adopted this system in the Philippines had its constitution permitted. Admiral Sperry said there was no position for America in a war where Great Britain was involved, except that of benevolent neutrality.

One of these days Canadians will get tired of having their country misrepresented in the British Isles and will cease attempting to set people right as to the actual conditions obtaining in the Dominion. We are led to make this observation on reading the following cable despatch from London which appeared in our issue of yesterday: "A song entitled 'Canada' being sung at the music halls here by Harriet Vernon, asks: 'Why send your sons to Canada? Tell me, John Bull, where hunger stares them in the face.' A couple of dozen Canadians, annoyed at the anti-emigration sentiment of the song visited Ipswich hippodrome with the object of singing the 'Maple Leaf,' but were denied entrance. The Canadian party was led by N. B. Colcock, Ontario government agent." If this music hall libel affords any amusement to the people of London, Canadians will lose but little sleep over the matter. Fortunately, Canada and its people are not dependent for their success upon the ability of the masses in the Old Country to comprehend the actual situation here in respect to opportunities for settlers—were it otherwise, they would be in a desperate plight indeed. In the interests of Imperial unity, however, it is to be regretted that a number of ignorant people in England are given opportunity not only to make fools of themselves, but to grossly misrepresent a loyal Colony.

An interesting reference to Canada was made by the Archbishop of Canterbury at a recent meeting in London of the Colonial and Continental Church Society. Canada and Australia seemed to him, he said, to make an appeal to English-speaking people on both sides of the Atlantic in a way that was hardly realized by most of them, for there were possibilities for the future which were absolutely immeasurable in their dimensions and their hopes. As for Canada, let them imagine a region as large as Europe without Russia—a region which was being divided up not slowly and gradually, but with almost fairly-like rapidity, which was being practically covered as a chess-board with little patches of settlements—an area which was being peopled in a way no area of the world's surface had ever been peopled before. To give an idea of the scale and suddenness with which the immigration was taking place on one day last year 9,356 immigrants were landed, from seven vessels at the port of Quebec. These people were going out to settle in a land which they hoped to succeed in making a strong, prosperous nation in the years to come. Canada was going to be not only a grain land, but a great thoroughfare between the East and the West, with Europe on the one hand, and Asia on the other. The Canadian region would be the region through which transit would take place between the innumerable people of the far East and those of the old world.

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NOTE AND COMMENT

To produce the enormous quantity of grain harvested in the Prairie Provinces this year, nearly ten million acres of land were required, the exact acreage under crop being 9,420,213. Of this more than half were devoted to wheat, indicating that the average wheat crop in the West was about 18½ bushels per acre. We find the following further interesting data along this line in the Montreal Gazette:

According to the final and official figures of the Canadian Pacific railway as supplied to G. M. Bosworth yesterday from the Winnipeg office, the total value of the Western grain yield this year is \$126,168,048, which is something like twenty million dollars ahead of any previous record, and about thirty million dollars better than last year's crop. This is not only caused by the extent of the harvest, but by the fact that prices of wheat and other grains are ruling high this year. The increased money which is being put into circulation by the present year's crop is shown by a comparison of the value of this year's crop with that of last year, which was a comparatively small one, and that of 1906, which was considered excellent. The crop of 1907 was sold for \$96,401,132, while that of 1908 brought \$106,853,252 bushels, \$9,420,213. Naturally, wheat represents the greater part of the cash receipts. The total Western wheat crop return is estimated at \$87,268,040, within ten million dollars of the total grain values of last year. The oat crop is valued at \$27,787,816; barley, at \$8,910,700, and flax at \$2,201,491. A significant feature of the crop returns is that the winter wheat crop is valued at \$3,462,045, where a few years ago it was not thought that winter wheat could be grown at all in the West. Put in bushels—the way in which the railways handle the grain—the figures are not less impressive. The total grain yield of the West amounted to no less than 223,757,549 bushels—almost a quarter of a billion. This was divided as follows: Wheat, 106,853,252 bushels; oats, 92,626,054 bushels; barley, 22,276,752 bushels, and flax, 2,001,491 bushels. Divided amongst the three Western grain provinces the figures show that while Manitoba is fairly well holding its position as the great wheat country, it is not leading in the other cereals, while Saskatchewan is fast gaining in the matter of wheat production. In wheat Manitoba produced this year 58,071,095 bushels; Saskatchewan, 43,540,000 and Alberta, 5,242,068. Saskatchewan led in oats, with 41,656,386 bushels, Manitoba was a close second with 38,912,545, while Alberta's oat crop was 12,057,125. Manitoba took the lead in barley with 13,140,215 bushels, Saskatchewan 2,694,550, and Alberta 1,441,987. In the comparatively minor crop of flax, Saskatchewan led with 1,570,106 bushels, Manitoba 368,466 and Alberta only 62,919.

The announcement that it is likely that Sir Montague Allan will be the successor of Lord Strathcona as High Commissioner for London in Canada makes timely the following sketch of his career:

Chairman of the board of directors of the Allan line, Royal Mail Steamship company, president of the Merchants Bank of Canada, and a director severally of the Royal Trust company, the Dominion Steel company, the Acadia Coal company, and other important financial and industrial Canadian enterprises, Sir Montague Allan's personality is one of consequence in the business life of Canada. As a factor in the social world of Montreal, his house, Ravensara, as known, not only as a centre, but as the scene of entertainment of many distinguished visitors from other lands. A keen sportsman, Sir Montague is a recognized yachting authority. He is also president of the Montreal Turf club. His summer home is at Caçona, on the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Sir Montague Allan is the second son of the late Sir Hugh Allan, founder of the Allan steamship line; a native of Montreal, and is 49 years of age. He was educated at Bishop's college school, Lennoxville, and in France. In 1893 he married Marguerite, eldest daughter of Hector Mackenzie, of J. G. Mackenzie & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants of Montreal, and has a family of four children, two boys and two girls, who are yet at school. Sir Montague Allan is a Presbyterian in religion.

That the West is the real "Land of Opportunity" is well illustrated by the following, which we find in the Calgary Herald, under the caption of "The Luck of a Westerner":

There is no telling where luck may decide to alight. A fellow Californian some years ago went away into a remote valley of central British Columbia and staked out a section of unsurveyed land. At the time the property was more than two hundred miles from a railway, over almost impassable mountain trails. The man played his luck with the same degree of blindness with which one would lay down a dollar bill on one of the thirty-six roulette numbers. But he won. The story is a long one, and reads like a romance. Another fellow came prospecting along a few weeks after the Californian had driven his stakes and filed a squatter's claim. The government learning of the excellent piece of land, attempted to dispute the right of the original locator, offering back his money with interest, an action strongly suggestive of a woodchuck. The squatter seemed to be backed by an amount of money equal to the assets of the Hudson's Bay company, but the Californian had luck, also pluck, and he won out. The next thing that happened was the G.T.P. survey, which crossed a corner of the land and the property, secured at a cost of about \$5 an acre, worth nothing at the time whatever, now embraces a townsite and is worth no less than \$60,000. Some are born lucky, others have luck shot at them.

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The approach of Old Father Christmas is heralded by the good things displayed in our stores, that our citizens may celebrate his advent. Old and young, rich and poor, all are glad to welcome our hoary old friend, who comes from whose countenance spreads joy throughout the universe. For those of our ladies who seek to propitiate the "old buck" by dancing and a display of fancy toilettes, we recommend a visit to the store of Messrs. Turner, at the London House; the display of everything connected with ladies' dress is really fine to look upon, for its variety in color and effect. In the same line also we may mention Messrs. Findlay & Durham, whose magnificent stock of dry goods is not excelled on the coast. Next we experience the sweet influence of the comforts in Mr. Piper's window, whose store is really an antecamera of the produced in his "candid" manner. How our infantile population can tear themselves away from the fascinating view is more than we can imagine. To those ladies and gentlemen who desire to bestow Christmas presents on their friends we recommend a visit to the store of Messrs. Hibben & Co., where the neatest and most complete writing desks may be had at popular prices. Pass we now to the consideration of creature comforts, the most welcome sacrifices on the altar of Christmas. First, for the jolly roast beef of Vancouver Island we must give the palm to Harris, whose store on Government street would make the heart of any alderman glad with the roasts and tenderloins, the most fastidious caterer for Christmas may be supplied to his heart's content. For delicious cakes we must go to Mr. Piper's or Mrs. Levy's, on Government street, near Johnson street, where an old English Christmas is recalled by such the self-same sugar plums in appearance that we remember long, long ago.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Mr. C. J. O'Donnell, who has announced his intention of not again standing for parliament owing to the Socialist proclivities of the times, is an old Indian civil servant, and he will perhaps be best remembered as the friend of the agitators who wrote "Agitate, agitate, agitate." Mr. O'Donnell will give way in the end. He wrote a book on the situation in India some months ago, in which his dislike of Lord Curzon and of the whole of that part of the Indian Civil Service which emanated from Oxford was very conspicuous. As may be imagined, Mr. O'Donnell is not an Oxford man, he comes from Queen's university. His chief work in India was not administration, which deprives his criticisms of the service of much value. As a matter of fact he was principal assistant to Sir W. W. Hunter in compiling the "Gazetteer of India." Mr. O'Donnell, who lives at Queen's Gate, has also a country house at Evesley, in Hampshire, the beautiful spot which was the home of the Kingsleys.

The most recent contributor to the Chancellor's fund for Oxford university is the King of Siam, who has sent £200. When, says the London Globe, his son was at the university, it used to be a favorite story among profane undergraduates that the prince telegraphed to his father, "I have passed Smalls," and received the next day a telegram from Bangkok, "Hearty congratulations. Have sacrificed three hundred slaves." As a matter of fact, the sons of the King of Siam were chiefly educated by Mr. Robert Morant, who went out to Siam as tutor to the Royal family, and is now Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Education. Mr. Morant acquired a remarkable influence over King Chulalongkorn, and for a considerable time was in fact, though not in name, one of the most powerful personages in his curious kingdom.

Lord Lovat, who made an excellent speech at the other evening in the House of Lords when seconding Lord Roberts' resolution on the question of Imperial defence, is thirty-seven. His Scottish barony, says the London Standard, dates back to 1458, but he is also baron of the United Kingdom, this dignity being conferred on his grandfather, twelfth Baron Lovat, in 1837. Lord Lovat is a Roman Catholic. His name by birth and baptism is Simon Fraser. This means much, for it is a matter of history that a Simon Fraser ever had the fullest courage of his convictions. The first to write his private opinion above his life was the Simon Fraser who was beheaded by Edward I almost exactly six hundred years ago; the last was Simon Fraser, eleventh Lord Lovat, executed on Tower Hill in 1747. The instruments of his death, both axe and block, are still to be seen in the Tower of London.

Viscount Avonmore, who became two-and-forty the other day, is, says the London Standard, the youngest son of the fourth Viscount, and succeeded his brother as sixth Viscount three-and-twenty years ago. Barry Yelverton, first Viscount Avonmore, a lawyer, orator, and statesman, was born in 1736, and, after attaining the highest eminence at the Irish Bar, was appointed in 1782 Attorney-General of Ireland, and two years later he was constituted Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer in 1786. Lord Yelverton and Baron Avonmore of County Cork, and in 1800 he obtained his Viscounty. The present peer is a captain in the Dublin City Artillery, and served with the West African Frontier Force in 1901. He married in 1890 the daughter of Mr. George Evans, of Gortmerron, Dungannon, and formerly of Toronto, Canada.

The magistrate at one of the Paris police courts has just learned of a new occupation. Some tatterdemalion appeared to answer a charge of vagrancy and when asked his occupation his reply was "Je pose pour Pöbessite." Asked to explain himself the man stated that he had been engaged by a maker of some anti-fat nostrum. He had assumed an india-rubber dress, and this was inflated after the manner of a pneumatic tyre. Next the vagrant was photographed, and the "faithful remembrance" was placed in a frame bearing the legend "Before treatment." After some time the man was again photographed, after his inflation, and below his picture were added the words "After a month's treatment." Later process was repeated, and this time the words below read "After two months' treatment." Unfortunately, the photographs could be reprinted from the negatives, and the man's occupation was gone; hence, driven to desperation, he had committed the offence which brought him within the law.

BRITISH OPINION

In his speech at Warrington, says the Morning Post, the Irish Secretary emphasized the necessity of rapidly completing the process of transferring the land in Ireland from the hands of the landlords to those of the tenants. As to the expediency of erecting this great revolution there can hardly be two opinions. Now that the operation has commenced there could hardly be any attempt to impede its being continued without seriously aggravating the present evils and increasing the potential dangers of unrest and disorder. But while there will be general agreement as to the need for promoting the transfer of land, it is by no means certain that the Irish Secretary's new Bill will serve to advance this object. Apart from the merits of the scheme, the fact that it has been introduced so late in the session is distinctly unfortunate. By postponing so long his measure for dealing with the question of the land, Mr. Birrell has encouraged the belief in Ireland that it was only the cattle-driving agitation and the threat of more serious trouble that have spurred him to action. Confirmation has thus been given to the vicious opinion that to obtain attention from an English Government it is first necessary to plunge Ireland into disorder. Again, the late introduction of the Bill has given ground for the suspicion that it is put forward as a sign of goodwill, not as a serious effort to settle the difficult problems requiring treatment. The measure is thus found to be handicapped from the start.

The Dublin Evening Telegraph publishes the following proposals of the news published in these columns that 200,000 German troops are being massed in Alsace-Lorraine, and that temporary barracks were being erected in various parts of the two provinces, the following extract, taken from a letter to one of our readers shows that the French Government is quite alive to the possibility of having to meet another Russian invasion. The writer of the letter referred to is an eminent Irishman, who has been in exile since 1865, and resident in France since that period. In the course of his letter the writer says:—"I am once more very much downhearted. My elder boy, Patrick, has joined the army, and has been away on the frontier—where it is fearfully cold—for the past six weeks, right in front of the Prussians too, and at a moment's notice, and at the moment when war was on the point of breaking out. So you may imagine I have been in a state of terror ever since. I would not mind so much if he had training enough to use the French Lebel gun. To cap all, the other boy, Alexander, is ordered out for next year. Glory be to the Lord! I think I am getting a small Irish Brigade on my own account. Hoping I won't have to realise Davis's lines—

For in far foreign fields, from Dunkirk to Belgrade, Lie the soldiers and chiefs of the Irish Brigade.

Two brothers, James and Andrew, already he at St. Ouen after the war of 1870. But for all that I'm not browbeaten. After all it is only a duty to the country—and we do not forget that the French came over to fight for us. I fear, however, the war is only put off. The Germans are seeking a quarrel, and the French won't stand any more nonsense."

Austria, says the Daily Mail, seems determined to persist in the dangerous game of keeping alive the controversy in the Near East. Her attitude towards Turkey and Servia approaches within measurable distance of provocation. Not content with depriving the Sultan of sovereign rights over Bosnia and Herzegovina, Austria resents the form in which the Turks have chosen to express their displeasure, and threatens to suspend diplomatic relations with Constantinople. We can hardly believe that the Emperor Francis Joseph will signalise the sixtieth anniversary of his reign by giving his sanction to a step so insensate. To demand that the Government of Turkey should insist on its subjects wearing the red turban of Austrian manufacture when they have decided on the fez of local make is to set for the new regime in Turkey a problem that might well baffle the authority of an older and more settled Constitution. Encompassed by difficulties at home and abroad, the Ottoman has displayed a moderation that ought to appeal to the good sense, if not to the justice, of Baron von Aehrenthal. He has tried bullying and lecturing and the menace of withdrawing the Ambassador. He has appealed to France to use her friendly offices. But he has neglected the obvious remedy. Let the Austrian authorities give assurance of their willingness to submit to a conference the regularization of their annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the problem of the boycott would solve itself.

The Standard says:—"Throughout the Continent there is, we believe, no opinion, and certainly no people, which does not deplore or condemn the Austro-Hungarian treatment of reformed Turkey. What may be the Emperor William's views of the honorable obligations imposed upon him by the action of his ally we have at present no means of knowing. But it is at least clear that no German would be so foolish as to have no ambition furthered, by the coercion of Turkey.

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COMMENT ON FINING OF POACHING STEAMER

Zapora Has Been Often Accused of Fishing Within Canadian Limits

Commenting on the despatch from Prince Rupert regarding the overhauling of the fishing steamer Zapora, which was fined \$1000 and the ordering of the steamer Thistle from needlessly taking shelter inside the three mile limit, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer says the despatch was the first intimation of the Zapora's predicament by her owners, J. Maddock, of the International Fisheries Company stated that no word had come from

the steamer. She left Tacoma on Wednesday of last week and is expected to return any day, as her cruises usually last from seven to ten days. "The Zapora probably returned to the banks after being overhauled," said Mr. Maddock, "the master failing to send word to her owners as there is no land wire at Prince Rupert. The Zapora does not carry wireless and the chances are that Capt. Johansen would have sent word to us if he had spoken some steamer thus equipped. We expect our steamer to arrive at Tacoma any day. Mr. Maddock was unable to explain how the Zapora could have paid a fine of \$1000 without sending to Tacoma, unless Capt. Johansen gave his personal check for that amount. The Zapora in the past has been accused by British Columbia fishermen of operating within the three-mile limit, but her owners have strenuously denied that their vessel ever broke any of the regulations. The allegations have been attributed to the jealousy of British Columbia competitors on account of the Zapora's phenomenal success on the banks. The action of the commander of the Kestrel in acting as sheriff, judge and jury is regarded as somewhat out of the ordinary. Vessels fishing within the three-mile limit are, under ordinary circumstances, arrested and confiscated, if found guilty upon trial. It is evident that the Zapora was not overhauled upon so serious charge. The fishing steamer Thistle, mentioned as also in trouble, is owned and operated by the Standard Fish company, of Seattle, in which are represented some of the interests which owned the steamer Francis Cutting, which was seized and confiscated last summer for operating within the three-mile limit. "People admire a man who stands on his own feet," remarked the moralizer. "Yes," rejoined the demoralizer, "especially in a crowded car."—Chicago News.

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NEWS OF THE CITY

Week's Bank Clearings
Local bank clearings for the week
ended Tuesday, totalled \$1,156,738.

Winning Numbers Announced
Nos. 50 and 97 were the winning
numbers for the two cushions drawn
for at the Elite millinery store.

Legal Vacation
The Christmas legal vacation starts
today and closes on January 2. That
day is a Sunday, so the courts will not
be open for business until next Mon-
day week.

No Small Debts Court
Mr. Jay yesterday adjourned the
small debts court for two weeks. This
means that there will be no sitting of
the court next Wednesday, which falls
during the legal vacation.

Take Out Permits
Building permits were issued yester-
day by the building inspector to
Edward F. Gidger, who will erect a
dwelling on Princess street, to cost
\$2600, and to Bevan Bros. for a barn
on Davis street to cost \$175.

Executive Meeting
An executive meeting was held yester-
day, which was the first to be at-
tended by Mr. Taylor, the new Minis-
ter of Works. Those present were the
Premier and Messrs. Cotton, Fulton,
Young and Taylor.

A Grateful Acknowledgment
The committee of the Victoria Seamen's
Institute, and the Sailors' Lad-
ies' guilds, hereby desire to acknowl-
edge with grateful thanks, the re-
ceipt of a very acceptable and timely
donation of five tons of coal from the
Hon. Jas. Dunsmuir.

County Court Adjourned
There will be no sitting of the county
court for three or possibly four weeks.
Judge Lampan has been called East
on account of the illness of his mother
and does not expect to be back before
that time. It is probable that the next
county court will be the February
court.

Reaching One Hundred Guineas.
The ragged school children Christ-
mas dinner fund, had last evening
passed the £100 mark, the exact
figure being slightly above \$490, and
there is now some probability that the
100 guineas will be obtained, and cab-
led this afternoon. It only needs a
few dollars more and they should be
forthcoming.

Mission Band Meets.
A very pleasant social gathering in
connection with the Metropolitan
Church Mission Band, was held yester-
day afternoon in the lecture room
of the church, when seasonable gifts
in the shape of nuts, candies and
oranges were distributed among the
younger people. The Misses Spencer
had the matter in charge.

A Church Journal
The Rev. A. J. Stanley Ard has un-
dertaken the publication of a monthly
journal in connection with St. John's
church. In the first number, which
will appear about the opening of the
New Year, a very complete account
will be given of the history of this
church, which includes many very in-
teresting features.

Service on Sunday.
Rev. A. J. Brace, the secretary of
the Y.M.C.A. Association, will on Sunday
afternoon next at the four o'clock
Men's meeting in the auditorium, de-
liver his annual message of advice and
encouragement to young men; his
subject being "The Other Wise Man,"
suggested by Henry Van Dyke's very
well known story.

Car Axle Breaks.
A broken axle on car No. 31, on the
Douglas street line, yesterday after-
noon caused an accident, which, be-
yond the damage to the car, resulted
in no ill. The car was approaching
Queen's avenue at a fair rate of speed
when the front axle broke, bringing it
to abrupt stop and throwing it off
the rails. There were few passengers
in the car and none of them were any
the worse for the accident. The dam-
aged car was taken to the barns and
another car put in its place.

Christmas Services.
A special service, interspersed with
old English carols, will begin at 11:30
o'clock this evening in St. Barnabas
church, and shortly after mid-night
the Communion service will be cele-
brated; when several carols will also
be sung. The other celebrations will
be held at 8 a.m., at 9 a.m., and at the
conclusion of morning prayer, with a
sermon, at 11 o'clock the Rev. Rev. E.
G. Miller being the preacher. A
further though very brief service will
take place in this church at 7:30 p.m.
In Christ Church Cathedral there
will be three celebrations of the Com-
munion service, at 7 a.m., at 8 a.m.,
and at the close of the morning prayer
with sermon, Bishop Perrin being the
preacher of the day.

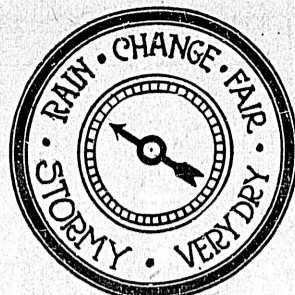
In St. Saviour's Church in addition
to the 8 and 11 o'clock service, even-
ing will take place at 4:30 o'clock.
In St. Andrew's Cathedral, R.C., ar-
rangements have been made for three
services, at 6 a.m., at 8 a.m., and at
10 a.m.
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served both in the First and in St.
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Sunday next. Services will also be
held in the Methodist and Methodist
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at 8 p. m., December 24, 1908:
SYNOPSIS.

The pressure is highest over Cal-
ifornia but low areas of considerable
energy are passing from the ocean
through British Columbia to the Pacific
provinces; these conditions have caused
fresh southerly and westerly winds on
the straits and outside waters. Snow
has fallen at Dawson and Barkerville
and on the plateau lands of eastern Ore-
gon and Washington, and moderate to
heavy rains have fallen on the coast
from the lower mainland to California.
East of the Rockies the weather in
the middle west provinces is chiefly
cloudy and moderately cold.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	39	43
Vancouver	38	43
New Westminster	36	42
Kamloops	28	34
Harkerville	18	32
Atlin	21	28
Dawson, Y. T.	2	2
Calgary, Alta.	14	38
Winnipeg, Man.	18	20
Portland, Ore.	34	46
San Francisco, Cal.	49	52

FORECASTS.
For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific
Time) Thursday:
Victoria and Vicinity: Moderate or
fresh winds, chiefly westerly and
southerly, partly cloudy with occasional
rain and not much change in tempera-
ture.

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United States via Vancouver
Close—Daily, except Sunday, at 11:30
p.m.
Due—6 p. m. daily.

China and Japan
Close—Dec. 2, 15, 20, 30.
Due—Dec. 3, 10, 14, 19, 23, 28.

Australia and New Zealand
Close—Dec. 4, 13.
Due—Dec. 16, 25.

Dawson, Atlin, White Horse, etc.
Close—Dec. 1, 2, 15, 18, 25, 29, 30.
Due—Uncertain.

Port Simpson, Prince Rupert, etc.
Close—1, 8, 14, 15, 22, 28.
Due—Dec. 1, 8, 10, 12, 18, 25, 28, 31.

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Due—Dec. 1, 10, 20.
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Close—Via Nanaimo, Tuesday, Wed-
nesday and Friday. By steamer, 1, 10,
20.

**Due—Via Nanaimo, Tuesday, Thurs-
day and Saturday. By steamer, 5, 18,
27.**

Decorating the Empress
The rotunda of the Empress was be-
ing decorated yesterday in anticipa-
tion of today's Christmas tree and
decorations of greenery are hung
from pillar to pillar with gay colored
Chinese lanterns distributed every-
where. The tree itself will have no
less than 200 tiny electric lights of
various colors, the whole producing a
most picturesque effect.

OBITUARY NOTICES

Fear.
The funeral of the late Henry Fear
will take place this afternoon. The
remains will be removed from the
Hanna parlors at 2 o'clock and con-
veyed to St. Saviour's Church, Vic-
toria West, where services will be
held at 2:30 p.m. The deceased was
an old soldier and will be buried with
full military honors. Interment will
take place in the Soldiers' Cemetery,
Esquimalt.

Evans.
The funeral of the late Joseph
Evans took place yesterday afternoon
from the Hanna parlors at 2:30 p.m.
The Sons of England, of which order
the deceased was a member, was well
represented. The local Campaigners
and soldiers from Work Point bar-
racks turned out in goodly numbers.
The services were conducted by Rev.
A. J. Brace and the cortege proceeded
to Ross Bay cemetery, where the S.O.
E. observed the last rites of their or-
der, after which the last post was
sounded. The pallbearers were: P.
R. Robbins, J. C. Walker, A. Jones, H.
Jobson, W. C. Winkel, L. Ostler.

Dow.
The remains of the late Mrs. Dow
will be removed from the Hanna par-
lors this afternoon and conveyed to
the family residence, 428 Superior
street, from where the funeral will
take place on Saturday afternoon at
2:30 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Reid will
officiate.

Clarke.
The funeral of the late Margaret
Clarke will take place from the Hanna
parlors this morning at 9 a.m. Ser-
vices will be held in the St. Andrew's
Roman Catholic Cathedral and interment
will be made in Ross Bay ceme-
tery.

Nelson.
A pioneer resident of Victoria passed
away yesterday morning in the person
of Mrs. Annie Hazelton Nelson, relict
of the late Ulrich Nelson. The deceased
was widely known to Victorians and
her many friends will sincerely
mourn her death. She was born in
Adirondack, New York, and came to
Victoria as a bride in 1865. She leaves
surviving her three children: Mrs. J.
C. Hayes, Mrs. G. A. Hartnagel and
Miss Louise Nelson.

The funeral will take place this
afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the
family residence, Oak Bay Avenue, to
Christ Church Cathedral where ser-
vices will be held at 3 o'clock.

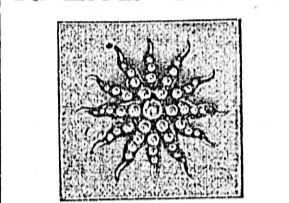
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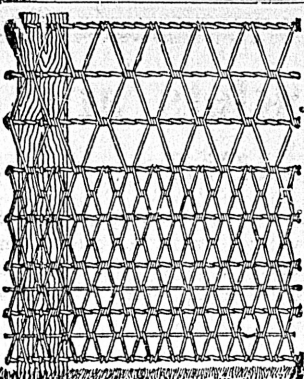
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Trades of an India Town.
"When I was last in India," said a
traveler, "they were taking the cen-
sus. The returns were most remark-
able.

"In the Allahabad census thirty-five
citizens described themselves as 'men
who rob by threats of violence.' There
were 226 'flatterers for gain.' There
were twenty-five 'hereditary thieves.'
There were twenty-nine 'howlers at
funerals.' There were 145 'bar clean-
ers.' There were seventy-six 'makers
of crowns for idols.' There were four-
teen 'hereditary painters of horses
with spots.' There were nine 'profes-
sional false witnesses.'"—New Orleans
Times-Democrat.

Word of the Law.

Mr. Justice Eve had last Saturday
to interpret the testamentary wishes
of a wealthy gentleman, who bequeath-
ed to his son "my tin despatch box at
present at the Wills and Dorset
bank." The box contained securities
of considerable value, and one of the
questions which the learned judge had
to decide was whether the bequest of
the box included the contents. His
lordship felt bound to adhere to the
plain words of the will and regretfully
decided that only the box passed and
not the things contained in it.—London
Globe.

Alex. J. Ross, of East Williams town-
ship, a brother of Hon. G. W. Ross, is
dead, aged 71.

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BISHOP OF COLUMBIA AT COURT OF REVISION

Men Over Fifty Years of Age
Will Take Appeal to Police
Magistrate

The Right Reverend Bishop of Colum-
bia put himself on record yester-
day before the court of revision by
saying that to pay a tax from which he
was exempt by law was a very back-
stair's way of getting a vote. Bishop
Perrin, apparently, is entitled to a
vote as the representative of the
church property, but he desires his
personal vote as a householder. He
said that he was perfectly willing to
pay the \$2 tax if necessary, but being
over the required age he had been in-
formed that it could not be received.
Eventually his lordship decided to
test the matter by an appeal to the
magistrate.

Joseph Peirson was another of the
protestants against the ruling of the
court of revision which denies the vote
to men over fifty, who have not paid
the \$2 tax, and he quoted an opinion
of Judge Spinks, the county court
judge at Vernon, who had decided that
they were entitled to a vote. He
thought the law should be the same all
over the province, and remarked that
it was ridiculous that votes should be
sold for \$2 which was practically what
the law now amounted to. He consid-
ered that the widest possible inter-
pretation should be given to the act.
The court yesterday dealt with a
number of protests against names on
the list brought by the city road tax
collector, who had a list of all the ap-
plicants who had not paid the tax,
there were also a number of people
who appeared in support of their right
to vote in response to notices which
had been sent them.

Not Due Till Demanded.
The city solicitor advised the court
on several points, one of them being
that owing to the wording of the by-
law the road tax was not due, and so
not a debt, until it was demanded. In
compliance with this, those men on the
collector's list who had not been asked
for the tax were stricken off and their
names were left on the list. He
further pointed out that if a man had
made the required declaration that he
had paid the taxes due by him to an
amount of not less than \$2, but had
not paid the road tax, he was entitled
to remain on the list; if the road tax
had not been demanded, for from him
unless there was evidence before the
court that he had paid no other taxes.
His affidavit must be taken as evi-
dence that he had filled the conditions

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until it was disproved. The city's tax
records were not produced and a num-
ber of names were thus allowed to
remain on the list. Mr. Mann also
pointed out that the striking off of a
name was in any event a matter about
which they could exercise their dis-
cretion. They were not obliged to do
so if they did not want to.

A letter was read from Mr. Gallet-
ley, of the Bank of Montreal, inclos-
ing a cancelled cheque for \$4 paid
for dog tax, the banker being appar-
ently of the opinion that the pay-
ment qualified him for a vote. He
was told over the telephone that this
was not sufficient, and at his request
Mr. Mann paid the \$2 for him, and
his name remained. Mr. Mann paid
up for a number of his friends during
the morning, and by the time the sit-
ting was over, he professed to be in a
condition bordering on bankruptcy.

The court sat all the morning, and
by the time the sitting had closed the
list was ready to be certified to by the
mayor. There will, however, be an
appeal taken to the magistrate by the
men over 50.

THIEF SENTENCED

Lewis McCurry Gets a Month For
Stealing His Friend's Money

Lewis McCurry was yesterday sen-
tenced to a month in jail for stealing
\$21 from his friend Bud Gulst. The
two were drinking together in a saloon
when Bud out with the money on the
bar. McCurry snatched it up, his
companion thinking he was joking.
Afterwards he disappeared and next
day professed ignorance of the affair.
He pleaded guilty, but said he was
drunk and did not remember the oc-
currence next day. The magistrate
said that he imposed a light sentence
on account of the youth of the accused
and because he was not known to have
been in trouble before. He seemed
also to be a hardworking man. The
two had been working at the race
track and had just been paid off.

FIRST ANNUAL DANCE AT THE DRIARD HOTEL

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Issued for Function New
Year's Eve

Harry Hemming, proprietor of the
Driard hotel, is sending out invitations
to a ball which he is giving to the
guests of the Driard and their friends
on New Year's Eve. Some four hun-
dred cards are being sent out, and
there will be a large contingent of
Vancouverites, former friends of Mr.
Hemming's, who will come over for
the affair.

Extensive preparations are being
made, and he has had men at work on
the dancing floor for days past, and
it promises to be perfection. The
dancing will be held in the big dining-
room, while the supper will be in the
room adjoining, which is to be used as
a grill later on. The latter room is
now in the hands of the painters and
when they are through it will be very
pretty. Mr. Hemming does not be-
lieve in sit-down suppers on such oc-
casions, but the buffets in the grill will
be loaded with comestibles and pota-
bles, and will be open all the evening,
so the indoor man will be looked after
in the best possible way.

The diningroom will be elaborately
decorated as will the grill, and a very
smart function is expected. The lad-
ies' dressing rooms will be upstairs in
the rooms adjoining the parlor, while
the gentlemen's cloak room will be on
the ground floor. A platform for the
orchestra will be built in the corner
of the diningroom.

Mr. Hemming expects a large com-
pany and nothing will be overlooked to
ensure his guests having the best of
good times. He intends this to be the
first of a series of annual functions
to be held each New Year's eve, and
his numerous friends are going to see
that the first of them is the success
which the hospitable host desires.

NO E. & N. SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Officials Decide to Give the
Employees a Holi-
day

No trains will be run over the Es-
quimalt & Nanaimo railway on Friday
—Christmas day. It has been decided
by the officials of the road that the
employees shall be given a holiday,
and in order that there may be no
discrimination, the entire force will be
allowed to spend the day about the
domestic hearth, or in any other way
that may be fancied, enjoying the sea-
son's cheer. For years it has been
the custom to close down operations
on the E. & N. on the 25th of Decem-
ber. There was some question whether
the rule would be adhered to this
year but, finally, it was agreed that
the traditions of the road should not
be interfered with.

A double service will be in vogue
on Thursday and on Saturday. This
means that trains will leave Victoria
at the usual time, 9 o'clock, in the
morning and in the afternoon at 3
o'clock. Thus those who have friends
at different points along the line with
whom they intend spending the holi-
day, or those ardent sportsmen who
contemplate putting in the day by tak-
ing a last tramp through the woods
in search of game, will have two op-
portunities of reaching their destina-
tion on Friday. On Saturday the
same schedule will be adhered to so
that the Victorians who are in the
habit of visiting any of the different
suburban resorts at the week-end will
be able to do so without inconvenience.
As there is very little freight or
passenger traffic moving on Christ-
mas, in the opinion of the officials, the
public interests will not be seriously
militated against by the decision to
allow the company's employees the
chance of properly enjoying the his-
toric holiday.

The Victoria & Sidney railway ser-
vice will continue on Friday as usual.
There will be trains both in the morn-
ing and afternoon.

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ern Salesrooms

A great deal of interest has been
manifested by Victorians in the open-
ing by Lawrence Goodacre & Sons of
modern and complete salesrooms—and
cold storage plant at the corner of
Government and Johnson streets, their
old stand. So extensive have been the
alterations made in the former build-
ing that it is difficult to recognize the
place under its new dress, which gives
it rank as one of the most modern and
complete meat markets on the con-
tinent, superior in some respects to the
best stands to be found in New York
and Chicago. The cold storage and
sanitary system is claimed to be the
best of its kind in Western America.

A glance at the interior of the estab-
lishment will tempt the prospective
purchaser, and assure him of the pre-
cautions taken with the meats and
other perishables carried in stock. The
floor is mosaic throughout, the walls
tiled to a height of six feet, while
above the tiling there is a gray stencil,
with a cream ceiling, the effect of the
whole being one of coolness and clean-
liness. The fixtures are of the most in-
viting and artistic variety. The racks
are all of oak. The hangers, which
are suspended from the ceiling, are of
nickel, while all the electric light fix-
tures are of massive Roman brass.

A feature of the remodelled shop is
to be found in the modern show-cases,
which represent the last word in such
things. These are made of the finest
selected quartered oak, the top and
front being of fine French plate glass,
with the best grade of double strength
American glass on the inside, thus
making a double air space. Both ends
are neatly panelled, and there are six
mirrors in each case. Each is 12 feet
in length, 36 inches in height and 34
inches deep. The interior is arranged
with convenient slatted shelves, while
the back is fitted with swing doors.
The case is fitted with a marble base,
as are also the pillars of the store.

The office, which is situated above
the store, at the rear, is also taste-
fully decorated, the wood being stained
a pale green. The designer was Phil.
L. Serwe, of Seattle, while the mural
and ceiling decorations were done by
Mr. Otto Koett, of Seattle. The cold

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HERE AND THERE

It is safe to say that not many mothers in Victoria will have time even to look at a newspaper on Christmas Eve. This is the busiest day of the year for all housewives. Plan as carefully as they may, there will be hurry at the last. But the bustle and excitement seldom hurts anyone. Beneath it all, there is a glow of love that has a wonderful curative power for weary limbs and tired nerves. Still there may be some whose families are scattered or who for one reason or another will have only a few minutes of the day by scanning this page, and they may be interested in the facts or the fancies that come to the mind as Christmas Eve draws near. As in any bound we shall first see how the first lady in the Empire prepares to keep the festival. In common with her countrymen and women, of whom Miss Anderson writes so delightfully, the Queen loves Christmas. In her home at Sandringham she carefully preserved the old Anglo-Saxon customs and introduced those which were observed in her childhood's home. The Yule log and the mistletoe bough with the stocking hung by the chimney-side as well as the gayly dressed Christmas tree were all ready to astonish the eyes of the little people who on that day we may well believe forgot that they were princes and princesses. For many weeks the Queen has been visited by tradespeople of many kinds and has made her selection of presents in her own home. Most of these are of course, very expensive and beautiful. There is one exception. The toys that Queen Alexandra gives to her grandchildren and other little relatives are not costly. They are just such playthings as any well-to-do father and mother would buy for the use and amusement of their children. For many years the Queen has devoted much thought to the hospitals and she spends much time and thought in preparing packages of toys and sweetmeats for sick children as well as older patients. On Christmas Eve these are sent round in the royal carriages. On the day before Christmas the King and Queen are present at the distribution of beef to all the employees on the royal estate and it is said the Queen has a kind word for each while she attends specially to the needs of the widows, old people and children who live in the Alexandra cottages. It is at their old home at Sandringham that the King and his wife still prefer to keep Christmas. And as is the fate of the very poor of English cities, yet Christmas brings to almost all a gleam of brightness and a touch of brotherly love. In great halls little children are gathered together and are feasted and amused by those whose hearts ache for the bareness of their lives. To this they look forward and today such efforts as are possible are being made to fit themselves for tomorrow's feast. Into many, many, even of the poorest homes, Christmas charity has made possible some celebration, however inadequate, of the festival in which every son of man should share. To the noble men and women who devote their lives to the uplifting of their fellowmen does the vision come of a day when the terrible grinding poverty of great cities shall be a thing of the past.

How Christmas is observed among the poor in England, who still are not paupers, the reader must read the Christmas Carol to understand. If Dickens had never written anything but Bob Cratchit's Christmas Dinner he would be entitled to the gratitude of all who love children and in whom the Christmas spirit survives. Men and women in every corner of the Empire appreciate the humor and pathos as well as the genuine goodness of the homely story. Sad as is the fate of the very poor of English cities, yet Christmas brings to almost all a gleam of brightness and a touch of brotherly love. In great halls little children are gathered together and are feasted and amused by those whose hearts ache for the bareness of their lives. To this they look forward and today such efforts as are possible are being made to fit themselves for tomorrow's feast. Into many, many, even of the poorest homes, Christmas charity has made possible some celebration, however inadequate, of the festival in which every son of man should share. To the noble men and women who devote their lives to the uplifting of their fellowmen does the vision come of a day when the terrible grinding poverty of great cities shall be a thing of the past.

In Canada the Christmas festival has come to be very generally observed. Puritans by descent as many Canadians are, at Christmas time there are few indications of the coldness and severity that often hide warm true hearts. In every city from Halifax to Vancouver, mothers will tonight hang up rows of stockings which their children will be decked and hung with presents for old and young and mysterious parcels will have been hidden in unaccustomed places. Woods and gardens have been searched for holly and ivy and fir to decorate the rooms and song and dance and game are ready for tomorrow, and the nights of this following week. In the large farmhouses near the cities similar preparations are being made, and children and grandchildren are gathering at the old homesteads.

Hard working mothers in remote districts, or on the prairies, are busily putting the little houses in order and preparing garments small and large, so that the children may look well on the morrow. There may be a scarcity of the fruit and sweets which their city cousins will enjoy, but mother's home-made candy is better than any made by the confectioner. Yet, Santa Claus will come tonight with the dolls, the whistles and rattles that in the eyes of these little dwellers remote from the towns are far more wonderful than the costly playthings which have the novelty taken from them by being displayed in shop windows. The ride in the sled, or horse-made though it be, the long coast down the side of the hill, send the children in with rosy cheeks and prepare them for sleep so sound that Santa Claus and all his reindeer, small as the home may be, cannot rouse them.

Mother and father as they sit by the fire preparing for the morrow, softly tell of bygone Christmas Eves when they too, were children in far away homes and old scenes are conjured up and old stories told till they too seek their rest to be awakened early by the little folks, who with shouts of joy open the well-filled stockings. Little they think of how much self-denial was needed in many cases that they might enjoy the day to their hearts' content. This keeping of Christmas with its kindly old world customs is one of the most beautiful things we have borrowed from the mother land, and so long as the memories of happy Christmas Eves survive in the hearts

of our children, the faith of Christianity will be a living force in their lives.

CHRISTMAS EVE

On Christmas Eve the bells were rung; On Christmas Eve the mess was sung; That only night, in all the year, Saw the stole priest the chalice rear, The damsel donned her kirtle sheen; The hall was dressed with holly green; Forth to the wood did the merry men go.

To gather in the mistletoe. Then opened wide the baron's hall To vassal, tenant, serf and all; Power laid his rod of power aside, And ceremony doffed his pride. The heir, with roses in his shoes, That night might village partner choose.

The lord, undergating stare The vulgar game of post and pair, All halted with uncontrolled delight, And general voice, the happy night, That to the cottage, as the crown, Brought tidings of salvation down."

From the very earliest times Christmas Eve has been a time of merry-making. Indeed, before the advent of Christ all northern nations had observed the season as a time of mirth and of religious rites. The Druids of ancient Britain at the time of the winter solstice with mystic ceremonies and sacrifices solemnly cut down the sacred mistletoe from the oaks on which it grew. Although this plant has been used for decoration in the present and has for centuries been regarded by lovers as a sign of good luck and a source of mirth, the Christian church has always associated it with heathen rites, and it has formed no part of the decoration of the churches. The burning of the Yule log has come to us from our Scandinavian ancestors, who at this season kindled huge bonfires in honor of their god Thor. The Yule log, however, became one of the most popular and one of the most enduring of Anglo-Saxon customs. Even yet in some places the embers of last year's Yule log is kept to kindle that brought in on Christmas Eve. With the Yule log was in the old days brought in a huge Christmas candle. Every county in England had a different way of celebrating the bringing in of the Yule log, but in all there were sports and feasting and mirth. The Christmas tree which is dressed with lights and ornaments, and the Christmas Eve comes to us from Germany, and was not known in Old England. From the same country comes the giving of Christmas presents though abundant hospitality was exercised in England on Christmas Eve. The hanging up of the stockings is another German custom, and Santa Claus or St. Nicholas, had his origin in the same country. A very old custom was that of nummerny. On Christmas Eve and throughout the season men dressed in all sorts of grotesque costumes went about to the great houses and acted rude plays. Their performances were usually directed by the Lord of Misrule, who was appointed to lead the rebels in various places. Even the grave University of Cambridge had its Lord of Misrule. The vaults were musicians who disturbed the slumbers of sober citizens at Christmas time. In later days the carol singers, who on Christmas Eve delight the people of the Old Land, have taken the place of the waits and are sometimes called by the same names. The custom of singing Christmas carols is a very old one. Jeremy Taylor says, "As soon as these blessed choristers had sung their Christmas carol and taught the church a hymn to put into her offices forever in the anniversary of this festivity, the angels returned into heaven." Many of the old Christmas carols are noted for their beauty and simplicity. The custom is thus described: "The choristers attached to the village church make their rounds to the principal houses throughout the parish, and sing songs of a beautiful and touching hymns. The airs to which they are sung are frequently no less plaintive and melodious than the words." There is a very beautiful carol written by the poet Herrick called the "Star Song." The following are the first verses:

"Tell us, thou clear and heavenly tongue, Where is the Babe thus lately sprung? Lies he the lily-banks among

Or say, if this new Birth of ours Sleeps, laid within some ark of flowers, Spangled with dew-light, thou canst clear

All doubts, and manifest the where. Declare to us bright star, if we shall see Him in the morning's blushing cheek, Or search the beds of spices through To find Him out?"

This brings us to the celebration of the birth of the Saviour in the Christian churches at midnight. In the most solemn of all Christian services the Roman Catholic and the Episcopal churches observe the festival of the nativity of Jesus Christ.

QUEEN'S ACADEMY

The closing exercises of this school took place on Tuesday, Dec. 22, and were of a most interesting character. The schoolroom, which was tastefully decorated with appropriate mottoes, evergreens, etc., was in itself a most pleasing scene and doubly so when brightened with the happy faces of so many pupils in their holiday attire. Parents and friends to the full capacity of the room were present and all agreed with the remark of the Rev. Mr. Miller in his kind address that increased accommodation was eminently necessary for the convenience of this growing school, which has just completed its fifth year. The programme was an excellent one and was carried out from start to finish without a discordant note, each pupil giving evi-

dence of the careful training received. The delightful manner in which Miss Grylls' class in vocal music acquitted itself was a pleasing feature of the entertainment. Dr. Pope and his assistant teachers were presented with addresses, accompanied with handsome Christmas gifts.

The following programme was rendered: Duet, "Sabbath Morn." (Mend.) Miss Mary Sturgess, Jeanette Reilly; reading, "Christmas Time," Miss Helen Leavell; "Two Ways of Looking At It," Misses Gertrude Scott, Jocelyn Bridgman, Marguerite Verrinder; "Canadian Song," Miss Grylls' class; cantata, "The Live Doll," pupils of intermediate and junior divisions; piano solo, Miss Madge Wolfenden; play, "The Wrong Box," pupils of senior division; "God Save the King." Dr. Pope, the principal, then read the promotion lists and rolls of honor, as follows:

Junior Division
(Miss Louise Lugin, 2nd Asst.)
Proficiency—Second reader: 1, Ellen Hart; 2, Rose O'Meara.
First reader—Gwendoline Verrinder. Second primer—Hazel Fowler.
First primer—Class A, Madge Randall; class B, Dolly McBride, Kathleen Veitch; class C, Georgiana Hawes.

Department—Dorothy Boggs.
Perfect in regularity—Ellen Hart, Elva Rogerson, Roberta Balcom.
Neatness—Roberta Balcom.
Rapid improvement—Cecily Forester.
Politeness—Edna Sanders.
Promotions to Intermediate division—Ellen Hart, Rose O'Meara.

Intermediate Division
(Miss M. A. B. Pope, 1st Asst.)
Promotions—Third reader to Fourth reader: Dorothy Moore, Rosalie Newman, Eileen Miller; Fourth reader to Senior division: Edith Galley, Regina Verrinder, Dorothy Newman, Myrtle Bryce.
Department—Edith Galley, Regina Verrinder.

Regularly—Virtue Errington, Edith Galley, Rosalie Newman, Kathryn Bradshaw.
Marked improvement—Charlotte Betterton, Margaret McBride.
Neatness—Dorothy Newman, Myrtle Bryce.
Politeness—Minnie Moody, Dorothy Moore.

Senior Division
General proficiency—Mabel Eberts, Evelyn Leavell, Sheila Dumberton, Mary Sturgess, Evelyn Munslie, Jane McPherson, Elsie Redfern.
Senior Fourth reader—Gertrude Scott, Marguerite Verrinder, Jocelyn Bridgman.
Special subjects—Book-keeping: Sheila Dumberton, Jane McPherson; algebra, Mabel Eberts; geometry, Mary Sturgess; Roman history, Mabel Eberts, Sheila Dumberton; Latin, Mary Sturgess; French, Mary Sturgess, Evelyn Munslie.

Department—Jane McPherson, Gertrude Scott.
Regularly—Marguerite Verrinder, Evelyn Leavell, Helen Leavell.
Neatness—Mary Boggs, Marguerite Verrinder.
Politeness—Mary Sturgess, Elsie Redfern.
Promotions—From Senior Fourth reader to Fifth reader: Gertrude Scott, Marguerite Verrinder, Jocelyn Bridgman, Marie Blair.

MISS MERSENGER'S SCHOOL
The annual distribution of prizes to the girls of Miss Messenger's school took place at "The Poplars," Burdette avenue, on Monday, Dec. 21. The results of the examinations were extremely satisfactory, the more so as the percentage necessary to the obtaining of a prize has been raised since last year. In the first class Olive Day gained the arithmetic prize with 91 per cent., and the French prize with 83 per cent. In the second class the following girls obtained special prizes: Evelyn Floyd, highest examination and term's marks, 83 per cent., arithmetic, 91 per cent., and spelling 95 per cent.; Doris Worsfold, English history, 82 per cent., and literature 80 per cent.; Angela Beandlands, English elocution, 86 per cent.; Florence Smith, French, 80 per cent.

Third class—Hilda Fleming, arithmetic, 87 per cent.; geography, 85 per cent.; Gundrid Rebbeck, French, 73 per cent.; Kitty Smith, English grammar, 80 per cent.; Vivienne Charlton, spelling, 95 per cent.; diction 91 per cent.; Isabella Elliott, scripture, 80 per cent.

Fourth class—Jessie Wootton, English history, 79 per cent.
The following among the pupils not having obtained prizes for special subjects received awards for very satisfactory general improvement: Armine Pemberton, Margaret Macdowell, Phyllis Slater, Philippa Pemberton, Margaret Hollier, Carmen Macdowell, Cordelia Jennings, Aime Stewart Williams, Isabel Fox.

The special music prize of the year to Miss Archbutt's pupils was gained by Annie Grace Robertson, who earned it in strenuous competition by her unflinching, conscientious work.
The moral conduct prize was awarded to Hilda Fleming, who was also the recipient of the "Noblesse Oblige" badge, this prize being voted by the girls themselves. Angela Beandlands was such a very close second in this contest that she was presented with a small badge of merit. The school will re-open on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1909, at 9.30 a.m.

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Apple Custard Pie

Line a deep pie plate with a rich crust. Make a mulling of two large apples, peeled and scraped fine with a silver knife; to these add a cup of sugar, a tablespoonful of cinnamon, a cup of sweet milk and two well-beaten eggs. Beat hard, pour into the open crust and bake in a moderate oven until like baked custard.

Molasses Taffy

Put into a saucepan a pint of molasses and boil for twenty minutes; then stir in two tablespoonfuls of baking soda and cook for a quarter of an hour longer. When a little dropped into cold water is brittle add a teaspoonful of vinegar and pull with floured hands to a light brown. Turn into greased tin until cool enough to handle.

Chicken Sauté

Remember in preparing this dish that it is only one course of your luncheon menu, so when you have drawn and wiped your chicken dry, cut it into small sections, discarding the back and neck for future use in making stock. Cut the breast into at least three pieces, and do not use the giblets at all. Melt two tablespoonfuls of clear bacon grease or a little butter, or both. Brown the chicken in this grease, remove, drain and arrange on a hot platter. To the drippings left in the pan add one tablespoonful of flour, rub smooth and then add whatever liquor you may have poured from the chicken and half a cup of rich, sweet milk or thin cream. When this comes to a boil add one cup of canned asparagus tips which have been drained, a pinch of ground mace, a few drops of lemon juice and the yolk of one egg. Just as it comes to a boil, and before the yolk of the egg curdles, pour over the chicken and serve piping hot.

No settlers in Canada have been more successful as a class, or improved their condition to a greater extent by emigrating to this country than the

Icelanders. And, likewise, there is no better example of what can be readily accomplished by any people who are at least in some degree adapted for the climate, and who are ready both to endure the struggle of the first few years, and by frugal living, hard work and perseverance, to seize the opportunities which fortune offers on every hand in this rich and rapidly growing Dominion. "The first Icelanders came to Canada thirty-four years ago, their principal equipment consisting of healthful bodies and willing hands. Today some of them have farms of over a thousand acres, and many live in commodious modern houses, while in the city of Winnipeg they have acquired wealth in business, acquired themselves well in the professions, and have been elected to fill almost every public position of honor."—H. B. Guest in Canadian Magazine.

Children's Fears
A professor in one of the large colleges has been collecting facts concerning the fears of children. These fears, he says, are generally created by parents and servants. He found that 1,700 children examined had 6,456 fears, the principal ones being the fear of lightning and thunder, reptiles, strangers, the dark, death, domestic animals, disease, wild animals, water, ghosts, insects, rats and mice, robbers and high winds. A few of these are perfectly rational. In the East, for example, he found no fear of high winds, but in the West that fear leads all others, by reason of the tornadoes that sweep over that region, causing death and destruction. At certain places he found children that fear the end of the world, which is caused entirely by adult teaching. His tabulation shows what education can do in this respect. No child was found that had any special fear of the devil. Two hundred years ago, or even at a less distant period, that fear would have been the greatest. The same may be said of the fear of ghosts, which seems to have almost died away. Some children were found who feared being burned alive, which, the professor says, is a monstrous thing to inculcate in the young mind. Fear will always be one of the strongest influences in life, but it is possible by teaching what real danger consists of to eradicate groundless fears, and it is to that end that the professor made his investigation.

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JAMES BAYS TO BE INVITED

Coach O'Sullivan is Already Looking Around For New Oarsmen

Victoria will be requested to enter crews in a regatta which is being arranged to take place on Lake Washington next summer in connection with the Alaska-Yukon exposition. The invitation has not yet been received but it is the intention to forward one to the James Bay Athletic association, according to the American press. That being the case the prospects of the club's representatives being assembled early in the spring and trained so that they may be in championship form in time to participate in the international events is one of the absorbing topics among the members of the organization at present.

The James Bay club, while taking up all forms of athletics, devotes itself to rowing more than anything else. Therefore the report that it is proposed to hold a big competition on Lake Washington in which they will be asked to take part naturally creates what might almost be termed a mild sensation. It has been suggested that one of the aquatic features of the A.-Y.-P. exposition might be an eight-oared crew contest in which many of the eastern and western universities, as well as the clubs of Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria would be represented. However, that idea is tabooed in this city for the simple reason that there are no shells of that size in the Canadian northwest. The largest available are the four-oared and, therefore, it is not possible for Vancouver or Victoria to essay anything beyond the four-oared event.

Proposition Endorsed

The proposition that the athletes of British Columbia and the western states be brought together in a meet under the auspices of the big fair of 1939 is accorded the most hearty endorsement of everyone connected with the sport here. The J. B. A. A. members, although nothing definite has developed yet, would enter into such an affair with both feet. Then, they point out, there would be something worth training hard for, the annual N. P. A. A. regatta, scarcely affording sufficient stimulus to their ambitions to ensure that faithful attention to drill which is essential if a sculler or a crew seriously desire to achieve success.

The suggestion that the exposition management arrange a regatta has served to rouse local enthusiasm. The J. B. A. A. boys anticipate a busy season. With the prospect of two international events, in addition to the usual intercity and club races, they

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Material Available

Already Mr. O'Sullivan is beginning to size up the material at hand. He doesn't say much but he is constantly on the look out for likely looking lads. This watchfulness on his part, combined with his undisputed knowledge of the requirements, generally results in the advancement of a few of the younger ones to senior ranks each season. It is seldom that he makes a mistake in his recommendations to the selection committee. It is probable therefore that on the opening of the season he will be prepared with some suggestions, the result of which will be the strengthening of Victoria's representative four-oared crew, and its readjustment. The possibility of attaining the laurel wreath against the American crews on Lake Washington and the bringing to victory of the now historic Buchanan cup depends almost entirely on the efforts of the boys themselves. And the indications are that they will enter into the preparations heart and soul. Insofar as the venter coach is concerned there will be nothing lacking in the arrangements.

Referring to the proposed exposition regatta an exchange says: A regatta with six eight-oared crews will take place on Lake Washington during the month of May, according to plans now in the making at the university of Washington. It is intended to have the universities of Washington and California, Stanford university and crews from Portland, Victoria and Vancouver entered. As soon as the board of control decides upon a graduate manager of student affairs for the coming years, arrangements will be made for the biggest regatta ever held on Lake Washington, says those who are interested in the rowing game at Washington.

Already it has been decided by the board that the Washington 'varsity' crew will go south to take part in a race against Stanford and California, and the return race will be held with the three crews entered on Lake Washington. Leading students look forward to having a number of other crews in the Lake Washington regatta, and if the plans meet with the approval of the next general manager and the board of control the crews from Portland, Victoria and Vancouver will take part.

SPIRIT IS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER RACE

Geary Boat Not Barred From the Annual International Races

Is the yacht Spirit, one time winner of the International trophy, eligible to compete for that cup next year is a question which has been asked by local yachtsmen since the famous Geary creation passed into the hands of the Victoria enthusiast, C. W. McIntosh. Up to the present no satisfactory answer has been vouchsafed, but recent investigation prove that the Spirit, if chosen by the Northwest Association committee, can race next year against the elected American boat for the honors of the North Pacific.

It appears that in the articles of agreement, under which the handsome Dunsmuir cup was presented and accepted, do not stipulate that the craft representing Canada must be designed and built on the British side. Thus it is possible for local yachtsmen, if they so desire, to bring their boats from the United States and enter them against the American craft. To Mr. McIntosh, the new owner of the Spirit, this is gratifying information. It means that he will be able to enter the competition between the prospective Victoria challenger, and the Alexandra for the right to take part in the race in behalf of the Canadian clubs.

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NO SOCCER GAMES FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Fifth Regiment Will Withdraw From Island Second Division Soccer League

Christmas day will not see soccer matches played on local grounds according to present indications. It was thought that there would be two at least, namely, the scheduled second division Island league game between the Victoria West and Fifth Regiment and a friendly exhibition in which the Esquimalt and Tacoma elevens would be the contestants. However, it has been decreed that neither shall take place. The Fifth Regiment it appears is not prepared to try conclusions with the Wests and have decided to withdraw from the series, while Tacoma has arranged to go to Westham Island throwing down the Esquimalt club without a word of explanation.

It had been suggested that, in the event of these fixtures failing to materialize, several of the Victoria District league matches might be brought off on the holiday. However, the majority of the players objected even to indulge in sport on the holiday and so the idea has been abandoned. Yet another proposal was made, namely, that the Victoria United and Victoria West teams might give an exhibition match at Oak Bay, the proceeds to be devoted to the city league. This, too, was not favorably received by those chiefly concerned and so has been allowed to drop.

The Victoria District league is up against the financial problem. It has been reported by the secretary that there is a debt of \$15 and a prospect of having to go further into the hole in order to make the trip to Nanaimo on Saturday for a Pacific Coast league game. No way out of the difficulty has been suggested and it has been decided that the members of the team which goes to the Coast city will have to pay their own transportation. If eleven players willing to do this cannot be found it will be necessary to default the match. Sammy Lorimer, the Victoria team captain, has the matter in hand and will make an announcement today.

The first practice of members of the Victoria United club will be held tomorrow at Beacon Hill. Alex. Peden, the president, and other officials announce that this will be but one of many drills in preparation for the initial match of the Island league series which takes place next month. He hopes that there will be a large attendance. President Peden wants all local players who can make it convenient to be present on this occasion. He points out that it is high time that something definite was done towards getting the eleven in shape for the competition. If those actively interested in the sport respond, he thinks that there will be no difficulty in organizing a team that will sweep everything before them and bring Victoria the glory of victory and the cup—its material symbol.

There will be a field of from twelve to fifteen in the New Year long distance race under the auspices of the local Y.M.C.A. Never before has there been such interest among Victoria athletes in events of this kind. Heretofore Frank Baylis has been able to maintain his supremacy on the Island in distance contests, but it is said that he will have to go some to beat those who will line up against him in the forthcoming competition.

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SERIES OF MATCHES FOR COAST HONORS

The Stanford University Rugby Team En Route North to Play Vancouver

The Stanford College rugby team has left San Francisco and will play the opening match of a series for the Copper-Kelth trophy with Vancouver on Christmas. Another game will take place a few days after and the final has been arranged for New Year's Day. A number of local enthusiasts contemplate visiting the mainland to witness one or more of these matches, there being considerable curiosity as to the style and form of the southerners. The respective fifteens will take the field as follows:

VANCOUVER	Position	STANFORD
J. Bell-Irving	Fullback	G. C. Gault
J. Gibson	Wing Three-quarter	W. Cook
E. McLorg	"	J. R. Holman
B. Brydon-Jack	Centre Three-quarter	J. Roth
O. Fyson	Five-eighth	W. Mitchell
R. Ross	"	R. Ganong
D. McKinnon	Halfback	B. Erb
A. Yates	Wing Forward	D. G. Heenly
N. Savers	Forward	J. O. Miller
L. R. Thomas	"	C. B. Evans
F. J. Murray	"	J. R. Pemberton
J. Shearer	"	P. Crawford
J. Bryant	"	K. Dole
B. Jewitt	"	H. Higley
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CITY AND JAMES BAY TEAMS PLAY SATURDAY

Third of Local Rugby Series Announced—Personnel of Respective Fifteens

The City and James Bay Athletic Association rugby teams will play the third match of the season's series next Saturday afternoon at Oak Bay. Honors between the two stand even thus far each having obtained one victory. That the game will be hotly contested goes without saying because the keenest rivalry has always existed where these organizations are concerned and both think they are entitled to the home championship. The referee's whistle will sound for the line-up at 2:30 o'clock promptly and it is requested that all who have been picked for either side will put in an appearance before that time.

It would be indiscreet to venture a prediction as to which will win. A glance at the personnel of the respective teams shows that the respective captains have been busy during the past few weeks and have succeeded in materially strengthening their ranks. On the City aggregation for instance are noticeable such names as Gillespie, Meredith, Lowry, Graham and Pitts, all of whom have places on the representative fifteen and, therefore, have been adjudged by competent men to be among the best of Victoria's players. The J.B.A.A. boys, however, are not far behind. They have quite a few stalwarts prominent in the ranks of the Victoria club. First and foremost is their captain, Leo Sweeney, one of the most conscientious forwards who ever took the field in British Columbia. And that is not having said the money any too strong. Then there are Vincent, Thompson, Arbuckle, Miller and Spencer. The majority of these are forwards from which it is assumed that, while the City team will be strong on the quarter line, the Bay's pack will be able to more than hold its own.

The City team will line up as follows: Full back, N. Gowen; three-quarters, Meredith, Gillespie, Lowry, and Winsby; half backs Pitts and Parker; forwards, Graham, Benson, Plummer, Spalding, Morley Harris Landy and Jephson. If there are any of those enumerated unable to be on hand, Secretary Spaulding requests that they notify him in order that all vacancies may be provided for before the day of the match.

The J.B.A.A. representatives will be chosen tonight from the following: Johnson, Vincent, Thompson, Carrs, Nason (P), Nason, (O) Cohan, Newcombe, Hopgood, Arbuckle, Juffs, Miller, Bendrodt, McNair, Archibald, Spencer, Hisecks, Campbell, Dinsdale, Turbue and Sweeney. At a meeting of the J.B.A.A. Rugby men last evening, H. Hopgood was elected secretary for the balance of the season to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of W. Loat. It was also decided to commence strict training in preparation for the match with the James Bay team. The Victoria team, which play here on January 16, a general rugby practice will be held at Oak Bay on Christmas morning at 10 o'clock. All players in the city are asked to attend.

PAPKE AND KELLY IN RETURN MATCH

Another Bout Likely to Take Place Sometime Next Month

Los Angeles, Dec. 23.—Manager Long, of the Jeffries Athletic club, this evening proposed a return match to Papke and Kelly. The fight, which would be for 60 per cent. of the gross receipts, to be divided as they may see fit. They are considering the offer, and a favorable reply is expected tomorrow, as it seems to look good to both.

Last night's attendance was 4,500, and the gross receipts \$3,239, of which Papke got 10 per cent as a bonus because the match was made while he was champion and before Ketchell defeated him. The fighters' share, 50 per cent., was \$3,708, evenly divided on the draw decision, giving each \$1,854. The club got \$3,708.

Papke spent a good many hours today in a Turkish bath. With his nose flattened, and probably broken, cheeks bruised and sunken, every facial contortion he made was a study for an artist. Attendees cared for him, poured oil on his wounds and placed chunks of ice over his swollen features. He threatened that Kelly had handed him the worst thing ever. "He certainly kicked the hell out of me," said Billy.

Although there are those who believe that either man might have received the decision, with Kelly supporters predominating, Jeffries seems to have rendered a good verdict when he raised the arms of both men. Sharp Criticism. If Abe Attell had not already forfeited all consideration from a weary public, he did Friday night when he met Ad Wolgast in Los Angeles in a ten-round affair, that must have been a farce. Either Attell has gone back as a fighter, or he has lost all regard

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for what the world thinks. When he fought Owen Moran the last time in San Francisco not a man but thought that Attell could have won had he so desired. He promised to do better, but when he went to Los Angeles to fight Welch there was an unexpected aftermath. Still, Los Angeles stood for him, and once more Abe either fooled the public or fooled himself. It is said that he is to fight in New Orleans around the holidays. It is better so, and if he could get further away nobody would be bothered in the least.—San Francisco Examiner.

In a football match played between Ladysmith and Nanaimo last Sunday, on the former's grounds, the rival elevens played to a draw, each team scoring three goals. It was a friendly contest in the form of a benefit in behalf of Rogers, Nanaimo's goalkeeper, who as a result of a recent accident, is not expected to be able to participate in any game in future.

SHAMROCKS TALLIED A DOUBLE HEADER

Irish Lads Won Intermediate and Junior Basketball Matches

Intermediate. Victoria West, 32; James Bay, 7. North Ward, 36; Y. M. C. A., 14. Shamrocks, 24; Esquimalt, 10. Junior. Y. M. C. A., 35; North Ward, 11. Shamrocks, 24; Victoria West, 12. High school, 10; Esquimalt, 9. Forging are the units of the six intermediate and junior league basketball matches which were played at different athletic association club gymnasiums last Sunday. The Shamrocks were the securing of a double-header by the Shamrock organization, both their intermediate and juniors winning by decisive margins, the drubbing Victoria West handed the James Bay intermediates, and the beautiful exhibition the Y. M. C. A. juniors gave in their engagement with North Ward.

James Bay Swamped. The Victoria West intermediates swamped the James Bay five in a match which took place at their own hall, the score being 32 to 7. There was no doubt as to how the contest would result after the minute minutes of play as the Wests immediately began to do stunts which made their opponents appear like unto stone images. They chased each other about the floor, but hitting and hitting and hitting so that the Bays apparently became bewildered and failed to awaken until hearing the peculiar zip caused by the contact of the spheres on the net. It is true that the Bays were not familiar with the hall and, to an extent that may account for their overwhelming defeat. As it was they played to the bitter end and had it not been for Bailey's deadly shooting the story might have been different. He scored eighteen points from the field, seeming to find no difficulty in losing his check. Donaldson, long enough to find the basket. At half time the officials reported a score of 12 to 3. This indicates that the Wests gained the majority of their winnings during the second period. The personnel of the respective teams follows: Victoria West—Guards, Johnson and Jenkins; centre, O'Kelly; forwards, Brown and Bailey. J. B. A.—Guards, McQuade and Donaldson, centre, Robertson; forwards, Cox and Hall.

North Ward Triumph. Thirty-six to fourteen was the extent of the North Ward triumph over the Y. M. C. A. intermediates in a match played at the Broad Street athletic association's quarters. It was not a good exhibition of basketball, resembling more than anything else an indoor rugby match. The game was a struggle, which was the exceedingly small force, of which they were forced to work. However, if there was any advantage from familiarity it should have been in favor of the defeated ones, for they were in their own gymnasium. Both did the best of which they were capable and, to say the least, the result was a heated and exciting fight.

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Irish Lads Victory

The Shamrocks won from the Esquimalt intermediates in a fast game at the latter's hall, the score being 24 to 10. While the margin in favor of the lads who have taken as their emblem the dainty symbol of the Emerald Isle was decisive the contest was by no means lacking in their favor. The Shamrocks put up a plucky struggle throughout but were particularly strong

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In the first half, during which period they held their sprightly opponents down to 9 points and scored 6 against them. However, as the match drew to a conclusion the Shamrocks would not be held back. Their combination was too much for their rivals, and together with the excellence of their shooting, easily won for them the honors. C. M. Brown gave satisfaction as referee.

North Ward Outclassed. The Y. M. C. A. juniors outclassed North Ward in a game which took place in their own hall. They led at the finish of the first half by some six or seven points and by the time the finish was reached had increased their advantage. The score was 35 to 11. Once again the Y. M. C. A. youngsters demonstrated remarkable efficiency in passing and in shooting and, besides, were no sluggards in checking. As a matter of fact the way they kept the ball in motion and the thorough knowledge of the game they evinced excited wondering comment among the spectators. The North Wards tried to follow the pace set and their opponents, though plucky, were futile. The personnel of the respective teams follows: Y. M. C. A.—Guards, Baker and McKean; centre, Retterton; forwards, Fairfull and Campbell. North Ward—Guards, Taylor and Bjorlsen; centre, Hodgson; forwards, Walker and Townsley.

Junior Wests Beaten. In the junior league game between the Victoria West and Shamrock teams at the former's hall, the latter were successful, tallying a total of 24 to their opponents 12 points. It was a whirlwind of a contest. From the outset the pace never slackened. There was a large crowd of Y. W. A. members present and they kept the excitement at fever heat. But the Wests were unable to overcome the agile kiddies who wore the green. They stuck to their chairs and broke away as circumstances demanded with the seasoned judgment of veterans. At half time their total was 15 to a meagre 6 for the Shamrocks. The latter materially increased their lead. The Wests worked hard and, despite the constantly growing score against them, kept plugging away for Taylor and then, P. Wilson made a satisfactory referee. The personnel of the teams is appended. Shamrocks—Guards, Carroll and Colbert; centre, Baker; forwards, McDonald and Keoppeck. Victoria West—Guards—Todd (D.) and Cordie; centre, Cordie; forwards, Todd (A.) and Kennedy.

Close Finish. It was a close game between the High School and Esquimalt juniors at Institute hall, resulting in a win for the former by a margin of one point, the score being 10 to 9. At no time was one so far in the lead as to promote confidence among its supporters. The tally changed off and on and as the finish approached the rosters worked themselves almost into a frenzy of excitement. When the High School made the point which gave them the lead the students cheered lustily and

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On the Waterfront

CLAIMANTS ARE HARD TO FIND

Government Having Difficulty in Discovering Crew of Sealer

DISCRIMINATION SHOWED

Owners of Two Sealing Vessels Suffer For Benefit of Quondam Companions

As was the case when the delayed payments to recompense those interested in the schooners seized by the United States in Bering Sea and the Willie McGowan and Ariel seized by the Russian government were made through the late collector of customs at this port, the location of those interested in the two schooners for which the long-delayed settlement has been made by the government at St. Petersburg is proving difficult. The settlement was made by the Russian government a year ago and arrangements have been made through a Vancouver firm for the distribution of the payment made, totalling about \$45,000 for both schooners. The amount paid for the seizure of the Willie McGowan and Ariel which were seized under similar conditions was \$50,000.

The Carmelite was owned in Victoria by Capt. J. W. Peppert, owner of the schooners Pescawha and Umbria, and the Vancouver Belle was owned by Capt. Copp, her master, and the Rosie Olsen, Capt. Charles Croft, now engaged on a farm in Saanich district who was one of the crew of Capt. Alec McLean's schooner Carmelite, was one of the hunters, of the Vancouver Belle. Where the other hunters, boat-sweepers and others are difficult to learn, but only a few have been located. When the Bering Sea claims were paid some of the claimants never appeared and some were found as far distant as the Bon-In Islands.

Mrs. Keefe, of Port Street, widow of Capt. Michael Keefe, of the schooner Rosie Olsen, owned by R. K. Munro of the Victoria Book and Stationery company; Andrew Gray, of the marine iron works, the late James Dempster and Andrew Cook of this city, returned a short time ago from Ottawa where they went to push their claims with regard to the Rosie Olsen, which, with the Maria, owned by Capt. Chas. Hackett of the steamer Quadra and associates, was seized under identical circumstances, in fact with far less justification, as the schooners for which payment had been made. The Ottawa government sacrificed the claims of these two schooners and those interested in them to effect a settlement for the other two schooners.

Who Will Benefit.

One of those who will benefit by the payment for the Carmelite is Capt. W. Hughes, master of the C.P.R. steamer Princess Beatrice, who had charge of the vessel when she was seized and who, with Capt. Spott Balcom, manager of the Pacific Whaling company, who was master of the schooner Maria, seized at the same time, and the captain of the other two schooners, was imprisoned at Petropavlovsk. The owners and those interested in the Rosie Olsen and Maria feel very keenly the injustice of the abandonment of their claims to effect a settlement for the other two schooners. The Rosie Olsen was seized, 40 miles from the Copper Islands by the Russian gunboat Kotik with 379 sealings on board. A few days later the Kotik found the Vancouver Belle and seized her. The Maria was seized on August 21 and the Carmelite on August 21. All four schooners were taken to Petropavlovsk where the crews were imprisoned.

When some of the survivors of that trip are in a reminiscent mood they tell some interesting story of their experiences. The schooner was guarded by the Russian guards after the manner the pearl-patchers were looted in the well-known Klipping story "The Devil and the Deep Sea." Everything of value was taken. Even the sealers were permitted to decorate the walks of the governor's residence. The sealers were robbed and left in what they stood up in when they were corralled in what had been a hen-house before it became their jail. From this odd prison the sealers looked out and saw the Russians walking past attired in their sweaters and long boots. Seven kopecks a day was their allowance for food and had it not been for the assistance of kind-hearted villagers they would have starved.

The Sealers' Return.

Some weeks after the sealers were called from the hen-house and released, the Indians being delighted when they saw the gold and brass buttons of the Governor. They were told that the Governor had given the schooner Rosie Olsen to Capt. Copp of the Vancouver Belle. As many as could be crowded on that vessel, about eighty, came ashore and disheartened sealers arrived here in the fall of 1892. Capt. Copp who had rechristened the Rosie Olsen, the Prize refused to turn her over to her owners in this city, claiming the Russian Governor had made him a present of the vessel. The court awarded the schooner to her former owners. The majority of those who could not be brought on the Rosie Olsen were brought on the Majestic, whose master demanded \$50 each from the bankrupt company for bringing them home. The vessel was a year later when the Majestic went down with all hands. Capt. Balcom and Capt. Hughes made their way to Japan and came home on an Empress steamer.

Claims Made.

Claims for the illegal seizures were made and presented through the Imperial government. Russia paid over ten years ago for the Ariel and Willie McGowan. The claims of the other four schooners were then pressed and negotiations carried out by the Imperial government were abandoned. In 1904 the Dominion government sent Henry A. Little, a barrister of Wood-

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Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Sleeting, wind northwest, 8 miles an hour.
Clallam, 8 a.m.—Inward, oil tanker Col. E. C. Drake. Anchored, Americal Cecilie.
Tatoosh, noon—Partly cloudy, wind west, 20 miles an hour. In, schooner Forest Home, at 8.30 a.m.
Port Crescent, noon—In, the schooner N. C. Allen, towing.
Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Part cloudy, wind southeast, 12 miles an hour. Outside, bound in, a four-masted schooner.

By Wireless

Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, a light southeast wind. Bar. 29.55, temp. 38. Sea moderate.
Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Heavy rains, calm, hazy. Bar. 29.48, temp. 39.
Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Sleeting, northwest wind, 8 miles an hour. Bar. 29.67, temp. 41.
Estevan, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, a fresh northwest wind. Bar. 29.69, temp. 44.
Pachena, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, a light northwest wind. Bar. 29.52, temp. 39.

Cape Lazo, noon—Part cloudy, light northerly breeze. Bar. 29.54, temp. 43. Sea moderate. At 10.30 a.m. to the south, two-masted steamer, probably the Venture, bound south.

Point Grey, noon—Part cloudy, strong northwest wind. Bar. 29.58, temp. 45. Passed out, freight steamer Indravell, at 8.40 a.m.

Tatoosh, noon—Partly cloudy, wind west, 20 miles an hour. Bar. 29.76, temp. 46. Passed in, schooner Forest Home, at 8.30 a.m.

Estevan, noon—Part cloudy, occasion hail storms, northerly breeze. Bar. 29.88, temp. 39. Sea smooth.

Pachena, noon—Part cloudy, hail and rain showers, a northwest wind. Bar. 29.62, temp. 41. Sea smooth.

Cape Lazo, 6 p.m.—Clear, a light north wind. Bar. 29.71, temp. 39. Sea smooth. The schooner Jefferson south at 2.15 p.m.

Point Grey, 6 p.m.—Clear, a northwest wind. Bar. 29.78, temp. 38. Freight steamer Alaskan in at 2.15 p.m.; fishery protection steamer Kestrel in at 2.55 p.m.

Lilloet, 6 p.m.—Part cloudy, wind southeast, 12 miles an hour. Bar. 29.90, temp. 40. Outside, bound in, a four-masted schooner.

Estevan, 6 p.m.—Part cloudy, wind northeast. Bar. 29.91, temp. 39. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Pachena, 6 p.m.—Rain, light west wind. Bar. 29.77, temp. 36. Sea smooth. No shipping.

stock, Ontario, to negotiate with the Russian representatives in London. He arranged a conference to which the Imperial government's officers were not invited. The claims aggregated \$139,812.50. It was arranged by the Russian representative that the claims of the two schooners would be paid if the other two were abandoned. Arrangement was then made whereby the claims of the Vancouver Belle and Carmelite would be acknowledged on the condition that those of the Rosie Olsen and Maria were dropped.

As can be imagined, this method of settlement stirred up a storm of protests from those interested in the claims which were sacrificed to make the settlement and the Canadian government then sought to have the matter reopened. Russia stated the question was closed. Some correspondence took place with the Imperial government whose officials pointed out that the settlement had been effected by the Canadian representative without any of the Imperial government's officials being invited to attend the conference. It was pointed out that the Canadian representative had accepted the compromise the claimants whose interests were sacrificed must look to Canada for satisfaction.

But there is no satisfaction for them. Their interests have been sacrificed to effect a settlement with regard to the Vancouver Belle and Carmelite.

ANXIETY FELT FOR THE OVERDUE BOADICEA

Sailing Ship Chartered to Load Lumber at Hastings is Over Month From San Francisco

Some anxiety is being felt regarding the long passage being made by the British ship Boadicea, 1,524 tons, Capt. Thomas, which left San Francisco on November 23rd, for Royal Roads, with orders to load lumber at Vancouver for the United Kingdom. The Boadicea is now out 31 days from the Bay City without being heard from and unless news of the delayed sailer is received during the next few days it is probable that she will be posted as overdue. The Boadicea is a steel and iron ship built in 1887 by R. Williamson and Sons, of Kingston, England, for the British Ship Co. (W. Thomas & Co.), her present owners. She is 264 feet long, 39 feet beam and 23.6 feet deep.

The vessels now quoted on the overdue market include the Cortez, Jerusalem, Kylesmore, Kentmere, Baltimore, and Chiltonford. The Cortez which is 133 days from Noumea for the United Kingdom, is reinsured at 8 per cent. The Jerusalem, 183 days from Lobos de Terra, for Antwerp, is reinsured at 90 per cent, and will shortly be posted as missing. The Kylesmore is 188 days out from Hobart for Hull and is reinsured at 10 per cent. The Kentmere is 132 days from New Caledonia for Antwerp and 15 per cent. is being paid on her. The Chiltonford left Hamburg on May 30, for Santa Rosalia and was spoken on August 16 in 55 south 64 west. She is being reinsured at 7 per cent.

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GLENFARG'S REPAIRS TO BE MADE HERE

Action of San Francisco Firm Will Not Alter the Position

The contract for the repairs to the steamer Glenfarg will go to the B. C. Marine Railway company, according to well-informed shipping men. The local firm submitted the lowest tender in open competition in which the well-known Seattle shipyard of J. T. Hill, Newman and Co., submitted a bid about \$1,000 higher than the local firm. When the tenders were called by Lloyd's by the local agent a query was made by cable asking whether temporary repairs could be made. Mr. T. G. Mitchell, Lloyd's surveyor who drew up the specifications, recommended permanent repairs. Then Fred Gardner, of San Francisco, formerly consulting engineer of the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, was sent here as a special agent to make another survey. The result of his survey was to confirm that made by G. Mitchell, he also recommending permanent repairs and similar work as had been called for in the specifications drawn up by T. G. Mitchell. Accompanying Mr. Gardner from San Francisco came Mr. Armes, the consulting engineer, who followed him in the employ of the Union Iron Works and with the tenders already in before him, he submitted a slightly lower bid for the purpose of taking the work to San Francisco, if possible. When this bid was made the local firm was approached and asked to lower its tender. Having figured at a low margin and submitted a price not much lower than a rival firm at Seattle, the local shipyard declined to change the price asked for the work, and after a long conference between the parties interested no decision was reached, and the matter was again submitted by cable to Lloyd's. No answer has been received. That the work will be done here, though, is considered a most certain. The difference in the price submitted by the San Francisco firm in the effort to wrest the job from the local shipyard will not go very far to make up the much greater additional cost, without consideration of the risk in getting the steamer to San Francisco. Capt. Holman, of the Glenfarg, is understood to be much opposed to this move, not caring to risk his steamer for the voyage without sufficient temporary repairs to safeguard her. The injuries to the steamer are such that a big salvage pump was kept on board to keep the water down on the way here from Vancouver.

ZAPORA'S MASTER DENIES REPORT OF OVERHAUL

Says Neither the Fishery Protection Kestrel or Other Vessel Was Seen

The report that the fishing steamer Zapora, of Tacoma, was overhauled and her master fined \$1,500 by Capt. Newman of the fishery protection steamer Kestrel, telegraphed from Vancouver recently on the basis of despatches from Prince Rupert, was emphatically denied by Capt. O. A. Johansen, of the Zapora, which has returned to Tacoma from the northern British Columbia fishing grounds. The Tacoma Ledger says: "It is all a beautiful fairy tale," said Captain Johansen. "We did not see the Kestrel or any other craft while we were fishing. We left Tacoma December 10 and stopped at Nanaimo, B.C., for bait. We proceeded after four or five hours at Nanaimo and took the regular course out to sea from Cape Scott. We did not see a vessel of any kind or class until December 16, when we sighted the Flamingo, a fishing vessel from Vancouver, B.C. This is the only vessel of any description we saw on the cruise until we reached the inside passage on our way home.

"Evidently it was an other case of one of our friends pointing their finger at the Zapora making a third trip a year to the halibut banks and between fifteen and twenty of these trips she stops at Nanaimo, B.C., for bait. It would seem in any case that it would be easy for the Kestrel to follow us from Nanaimo, B.C., and see whether we fished within the three-mile limit. We do not fish within the limit and they know it. As for the reports published in the newspapers of British Columbia to the effect that the government contends that Hecate strait is a land-locked harbor and that she has jurisdiction over it, this is not true. The British government never did contend that the strait was a land-locked harbor and she does not now do so. It is a claim advanced and agitated by the newspapers.

"The Zapora could not have spent much time paying fines, for she brought back one of the largest winter catches of halibut on record. She came in last night shortly before 12 o'clock with 25,000 pounds of halibut, which she will begin discharging at the plant of the International Fisheries company today.

SHIPMASTERS INTERESTED IN UNION'S DECISION

Abolition of Minimum Rate Comes Too Late to Be of Much Benefit to Grain-Carriers

Masters of the disengaged sailing ships were greatly interested in the report published in yesterday's issue of the Colonist that the Association of Sailing Ship Owners of London had decided to abolish the minimum rate of 27s 6d, allowing owners to take what rates they could secure for the big fleet of disengaged vessels. None of the shipmasters have been advised by their owners of any changes and some are inclined to discredit the information which was received at Portland. Others credit the report. Owing to the fact that the bulk of this season's grain has been shipped the removal of the minimum charter rate comes too late to affect many of the big fleet of disengaged ships.

With the exception of those chartered early in the season, very few sailing ships have received the union

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rates of 27s 6d. There were a few early in the year fixed at these figures but dullness prevailing in the shipping left many tramp steamers free and as these steamers were willing to accept a lower freight rather than remain idle, the association could not find charterers at their minimum of 27s 6d.

Of the sailing vessels loading at wharves the German bark Magdalene and the French ship Laennec are carrying wheat at union rates of 27s 6d, but those vessels were chartered earlier in the season. The big British steamer Carlton, in port loading for Kerr, Gifford & Co., is receiving 24 shillings.

Like the French bark Emma Laurans, which recently loaded wheat at Tacoma, the British bark Archibald Russell has taken cargo from Balfour, Guthrie & Co., owners' account. The British ship Agnes Oswald has taken cargo, but her rate has not been announced. There are several ships at the wharves loading at 27s 6d, but these were chartered prior to arrival. The French bark Bousset is to carry grain to Europe for Kerr, Gifford & Co. from Portland at 22s 3d.

IRADA WRECKED OFF THE IRISH COAST

Captain and Five of Crew Drowned—Survivors Clung to the Rocks Throughout Night

Crook Haven, Ire., Dec. 23.—The British steamer Irada, from Galveston, December 5, for Liverpool, is a total wreck of the southwestern point of Mizenhead. Capt. Roberts, a steward and four men were drowned. The remainder of the crew, sixty-five men, saved themselves. The steamer was driven ashore during a fog.

It is estimated that the insurance losses on the Irada will amount to \$325,000. This is one of the heaviest losses London underwriters have experienced in a long time. The steamer was wrecked about midnight Monday on the scene of many shipwrecks. Capt. Roberts and the first officer were on the bridge at the time. The boats were launched, but the sea was so heavy that they were swamped and the men were obliged to scramble ashore as best they might. Those who were saved had a terrible experience clinging to the rocks throughout the night until about 8 o'clock in the morning, when men engaged in erecting a new fog signal station on the island hauled them up with ropes and ladders to the top of the cliffs. Many of them were injured in the perilous ascent.

Capt. Roberts was formerly second officer of the steamer Oceanic.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 23.—The steamer Irada sailed on her fortieth voyage between Galveston and Liverpool December 5 with one of the largest cargoes of the season, valued at a million dollars and including 22,000 bales of cotton. The vessel was valued at \$200,000. She was a passenger steamer, but carried no passengers on this trip.

SALVAGE OF WRECK COST ELEVEN LIVES

Poisonous Gases Snuffed Out Lives of Ceylonese in Hold of the Sir John Jackson

When the British steamer Sir John Jackson, loaded with corn and maize was wrecked on the coast of Ceylon her salvage proved costly in human lives, according to advices brought by the steamer. The Ceylon newspaper published at Batticaloa, Ceylon, says: "The people of Batticaloa were shocked to hear that eleven men, who were engaged in working freight on board the wrecked steamer, had been poisoned by the gases in the hold where they were working, and that their bodies could not even be recovered. With the greatest interest all the natives of the coast were followed by the crowd who watched from the shore. All was of no avail, and the corpses of the unfortunate victims remain in the hold, and will remain, we suppose, until the action of the sea breaks the vessel up.

"It is easy to be wise after the event, but it is evident that a serious blunder was made in not having the hold tested before the men went down to work. It had been tested during the evening and on the strength of that test, work was resumed next morning; it would, at this time, be a cause of devout thankfulness if the test had been made before starting work. Of course, it is possible that nothing might have been discovered, and that the work might have proceeded as it actually did, and with the same fatal result, but there would have been the satisfaction of knowing that all that could have been done to prevent disaster had been done.

"We are told that four men of one family have met their death in that fatal hold; that three of them were in the hold when the eruption of gas caused about a dozen men to drop as though they had been shot, and that the fourth, seeing his brothers lying apparently insensible in the hold, jumped down, flung himself upon his eldest brother and passed into insensibility in a moment. Some of the victims are Tamils and some Moormen. We presume that compensation will be awarded to those dependent upon the bread winners who have so tragically met their fate.

"We are glad to be able to chronicle some acts of heroism in connection

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with this sad event. A Tamil gentleman and an Englishman, at the peril of their lives, each rescued a man who was trying to escape from the hold. The Tamil gentleman fainted after he had achieved his purpose. The effort put forth by the Government Analyst and his helpers to recover the bodies were most praiseworthy, and were only desisted from when it was felt that any further effort might result in still further loss of life.

"The ship was a terrible place indeed; every kind of poisonous gas seems to have been generated by the decomposing cargo of maize and rice. Silver coins were turned black in the pocket, the gold rims of the spectacles worn by one gentleman were also turned black; the air was suffocating and those who breathed it suffered for some time afterwards. So pestilential was it felt to be that the Government Analyst wired asking that a gunboat might be sent to knock the ship to pieces. This request has been refused.

"Meanwhile the ship continues to pour forth poisonous gas, which is blown to the shore with the wind in a certain direction, and we fear that when the N.E. monsoon blows, the shore will have more of this gas than it now receives. Already, we are told, one village has had to be deserted, for no one can endure the stench from the ship. Nobody can approach the ship to dynamite her; but we are not without some hope of relief, for wise and paternal Government have ordered the prosecution of the Agents of the vessel and we are earnestly hoping that, by the time the case has been decided by the Privy Council in favor of the Agents, the elements will have had mercy upon us and delivered us from the peril of plague, pestilence, and the pernicious perfumery of the Sir John Jackson.

Steamer Tordenskjold passed out last night bound to San Francisco with another cargo of coal from Nanaimo, and the steamer Wellington also passed out last night with coal for the Bay City. The steamer Tremont had been chartered to load general cargo at San Francisco for New York at the low rate of 32½ cents per 100 pounds, and an option is held for the charter of the steamer Shawmut for the same business.

The big freighter Indravell of the Canadian New Zealand line arrived under the lee of James Island yesterday to take on board nearly a million feet of lumber which will be loaded from scows.

The steamer Tweeddale passed out yesterday morning for Comox after loading bunker coal at Comox bound to Portland to load for Australia.

"Why do you invariably predict the coldest winter we have had in years?" "Well," answered Prof. Blatherton, "if it comes true people necessarily give me credit for great wisdom. And it doesn't matter to me, they are too thankful to hold any grudge."—Washington Star.

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS

Steamers to Arrive.	
Vessel	Due
Titan	Dec. 26
Montague	Jan. 5
From Australia.	
Aorangi	Jan. 14
From Mexico.	
Georgia	Jan. 16
From Skagway.	
Princess May	Dec. 23
From Northern British Columbia ports.	Dec. 24
Ventura	Dec. 24
Princess Beatrice	Dec. 31
From West Coast.	
Tees	Dec. 30
From San Francisco.	
City of Puebla	Dec. 21
Umatilla	Dec. 23
Queen	Dec. 31
Sailing Vessels.	
Vessel	Left
Puritan	Roseton
Steamers to SAIL.	
Vessel	Date
Aki Maru	Dec. 22
For Australia.	
Makura	Jan. 1
For Mexico.	
Lonsdale	Dec. 31
For Skagway.	
Princess May	Dec. 28
For Northern British Columbia ports.	Dec. 28
Ventura	Dec. 24
Camoun	Dec. 16
Princess Beatrice	Jan. 4
For West Coast.	
Tees	Jan. 1
For San Francisco.	
City of Puebla	Dec. 17
Umatilla	Dec. 22
Queen	Dec. 27
Local Steamers.	
Vessel	Date
S. S. Princess Royal.	
Leave Victoria 11:30 p. m. daily except Sunday.	
Arrive Victoria 2 p. m. daily except Monday.	
Vancouver-Victoria.	
Leave Victoria 11:59 p. m. daily.	
Arrive Vancouver 6:30 a. m. daily.	
Leave Vancouver 7 p. m. daily.	
Arrive Victoria 6:00 p. m. daily.	
Victoria-Seattle, via Port Townsend.	
Whatcom	
Leaves Victoria 5 p. m. daily except Tuesday.	
Arrives daily at 2.20 p. m.	
Upper Fraser River.	
Beaver.	
Leaves New Westminster 8 a. m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.	
Leaves Chilliwack 7 a. m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday. Calling at landings between New Westminster and Chilliwack.	
Vancouver-Nanaimo (E. & N. Ry.)	
Joan	
Leaves Nanaimo 4 a. m.	
Leaves Vancouver 2 p. m. daily except Sunday.	
Victoria-Nanaimo.	
S. S. City of Nanaimo.	
Leave Victoria Tuesday at 7 a. m.	
Arrive Nanaimo Tuesday at 4 p. m.	
Leave Nanaimo Saturday at 2 p. m.	
Arrive Victoria Saturday at 9 p. m.	
Leave Victoria Wednesday at 4 a. m.	
Arrive Nanaimo Bay and Comox Wednesday at 2 p. m.	
Leave Union Bay and Comox Thursday at 4 a. m.	
Arrive Nanaimo Saturday at 1.30 p. m.	
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Iroquois.	
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Freemantle	37s 6d
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Taku	33s

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Alex. Thompson, of Sidney, is in the city on business.

John Jardine, M.P.P., left this morning for Vancouver for Christmas.

Mr. F. de Pass, of Edmonton, is at the Empress.

Mr. W. J. Hagan, of Cowichan, is registered at the King Edward.

Mr. W. H. Hayward, M.P.P. of Duncans, was in town yesterday.

Pilot A. F. Yates, of Nanaimo, is registered at the Dominion.

Hon. F. I. Carter Cotton returned to Vancouver this morning on the Princess Victoria.

Hon. F. J. Fulton went over to Vancouver this morning on the Princess Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurie left this morning on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Thompson arrived in town yesterday and are stopping at the Dominion.

Dr. A. C. Frost came down from Ladysmith yesterday and is staying at the King Edward.

Mr. Edwin G. Smith came down from Duncans yesterday, and is staying at the Driard.

Mr. Charles Willard and Miss Ella Sothorn Willard, of New York, are stopping at the Empress.

Mr. E. J. Palmer came down from Chemainus yesterday and is staying at the Empress.

W. Brechley, of F. R. Stewart & Co., arrived from the mainland by the steamer Princess Victoria yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Chappin are in Vancouver, where they will spend a few days.

Capt. John Irving returned from the Sound by the steamer Princess Royal yesterday.

Miss E. Eaton returned yesterday from Kamloops after an absence of three months.

Miss Bouvion is leaving for Seattle tonight, en route for Cle Elum, where she will spend Christmas.

Z. M. Hamilton was a passenger from Seattle yesterday by the steamer Princess Royal.

T. W. Hodgson returned by the steamer Princess Royal yesterday after a business trip to Seattle.

Charles Bird, of John's Crossing, was a passenger by the V. & S. train yesterday.

J. A. Goodfellow, superintendent of the E. & N., was yesterday on a tour of inspection over that line.

A. C. Frost, M.D., of Ladysmith, is in the city. He came down on the noon train yesterday.

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George Sangster, of Sidney, was among yesterday's outgoing passengers by the V. & S. train.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fry, who came back from Vancouver yesterday and are putting up at the King Edward, return home today.

Mr. W. Douglas Stevenson, of Lexington, Kentucky, arrived in town yesterday, and is staying at the King Edward.

Miss Kathleen Macdonald left this morning via the Princess Victoria for Kamloops, where she will spend the Christmas holidays.

James B. Gleason left this morning on an extended trip to the Old Country. He will travel via the C.P.R. and the Empress of Ireland.

A. I. Nixon left this morning via the C.P.R. for St. John, N.B., whence he will sail on the Allan liner Tunisian on a three months' trip to England.

Mr. G. W. Wilson, of 634 Maryland street, Winnipeg, arrived in the city Sunday evening to spend the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stewart, with their family, from Nelson, B.C., have arrived in town, where they intend spending Christmas.

Hon. Mr. Fulton, chief commissioner of lands and works, leaves today for Kamloops where he will spend Christmas.

Sam Sea, jr., arrived from Portland yesterday by the steamer Princess Victoria to visit friends in this city.

Adolph Neu, chemist of the Portland Cement Co., left for the Island headquarters of that firm at Tod Inlet yesterday afternoon.

F. J. M. Morris, of Sidney, is in the city. He arrived by yesterday's train and intends spending several days here. He is among those staying at the King Edward.

George Hoffman, of Los Angeles, arrived from the south for the purpose of sojourning in Victoria for a few weeks, yesterday. He is registered at the King Edward hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. M. Alkins, accompanied by Miss Graham, of Winnipeg, came over from Vancouver yesterday and are stopping at the Empress.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Winters, of Winnipeg, who have been visiting with friends in Vancouver and this city, left this morning via the C.P.R. on their return to the east.

On Christmas Eve the staff of the Empress hotel are giving a ball in the hotel. About 600 invitations have been issued and everything promises to be a delightful affair.

On Tuesday evening the A. O. U. W. hall was the scene of a most enjoyable private subscription dance which was voted by all present as being one of the most delightful of the season. The supper room was charmingly decorated with red carnations, red bells, holly and ivy, which produced a seasonable and pretty effect. The floor was perfect, and Miss Thain's orchestra rendered a very delightful musical programme. The chaperons were Mrs. Gordon Hunter, Mrs. S. W. Powell, Mrs. Butchart, Mrs. F. S. Lampson, Mrs. J. W. Troup, Mrs. A. Stuart Robertson, Mrs. G. H. Barnard, Mrs. John Irving, Mrs. E. E. Blackwood.

Among the invited guests were: Mrs. Bromley, Mrs. H. Robertson, Mrs. Selater, Mrs. H. Pooley, Mrs. E. V. Bodwell, Mrs. H. McGregor, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Raymur, Mrs. Fagan, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Gibb, Mrs. B. Tye, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Langton, Mrs. Sprat, Mrs. Laing, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Wise, Mrs. Hollier, Mrs. B. Heisterman, Mrs. T. S. Gore, Mrs. Alkman, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Pally, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. Basil Combe, Mrs. Roger Wilby, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Fullerton, Mrs. Trowatha, Mrs. James, Mrs. Shallcross, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Rattenbury, Mrs. E. A. James, Mrs. Genge, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. V. Elliot, Mrs. H. Kent, Mrs. Rismuller, Mrs. G. L. Courtney, Madame Perizeau, The Misses Dunsmuir, Misses Pitts, Misses Mason, Misses Page, Misses Lugin, Misses Ellis, Misses Blackwood, Misses Pooley, Misses Irving, Misses Butchart, Misses Gaudin, Misses Monteth, Misses Tilton, Miss Little, Miss Perry, Miss Cross, Miss Spencer, Miss Troup, Miss Drake, Miss Bagshawe, Miss Brown Miss Johnson, Miss Fell, Miss P. Mason, Miss Helmeckin, Miss McTavish, Miss Lawson, Miss P. Irving, Miss King, Miss Bolton, Miss Wigley, Miss Peters, Miss Rybeck, Miss Beaton, Miss Gillespie, Miss Newcombe, Miss Hamilton, Miss Dupont, Miss Newcombe, Miss Combe, Miss Adair, Miss Pemberton, Miss Savage, Miss Mara, Miss Georgeson, Miss Goshell, Miss Mackay, Miss White, Miss Smith, Miss Holden, Miss Langley, Miss Devereux, Miss Keast, Miss Schl. Moers, Davie, Jephson, Todd, Parker, Bullen, Gibb, Brown, P. Pemberton, Lauder, Davis, H. Hogg, C. Hogg, Arbuckle, Martin, Harvey, Combe, Gaudin, Lawson, Bromley, Capt. Nares, R. Wilby, Sampson, Capt. Parry, Com. Bromley, Heyland, Trowatha James, Foote, E. V. Bodwell, G. Brown, Fletcher, Newcombe, Bailey, Ross, V. Elliot, Ritchie, G. Johnston, R. Monteth, Cambie, Macdonald, Meredith, Dewdney, Col. Gregory, A. Pitts, C. Pitts, D'Arcy, Holland, Rochfort, J. H. Lawson, C. Keefer, P. Keefer, G. Gillespie, C. Drake, A. Gillespie, Rowcroft, K. M. Raymur, Cowley, Warner, Cane, Muskett, Frobisher, Cookson, Eames, Eaton, Hughes, W. Brown, Capt. Macdonald, Hodgson, Tabbot, G. McCurdy, Rowe, Dean, Taylor, H. Pooley, C. Pemberton, H. Potts, J. Musgrave, Babcock, Hebdon, Rant, Phipps, Bailey, Beaven, Spalding, Dixon, C. Holmes, W. Barton, S. Powell, P. Pennet, Bray, Powell, Kent, Hopgood, A. T. Williams, Kingscote, Macpherson, Mason, Livingstone, Bell, T. James, Wilson, Macdougall, Montgomery, Payne, Cayser, Judge Lampman, G. H. Barnard, E. S. Wise, B. Tye, G. A. Harris, J. A. Alkman, C. Wilson, J. O. Reilly, W. Moresby, Monsieur Perizeau.

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JAPANESE PRESS

URGES NEW POLICY

Papers State That Government Should Act Vigorously in Manchuria

Kobe, Dec. 23.—Some of the Japanese newspapers are urging upon the Tokyo government a "stronger policy" regarding Manchuria. The Tokyo Keizai says:

The first step in the development of Manchuria must be the maintenance of order and the guarantee of security to life and property for so long as Manchuria is in an unsettled state, as in the present conditions nobody can engage in peaceful pursuits with a sense of security. If it is necessary to enforce Japan's suzerainty in Manchuria for this purpose it should be done without any hesitation. It is not at all improbable that this may cause a dispute with China, but Japan must not vacillate. She must have recourse to a high-handed policy if it is necessary. As it is, very little is done by Japan towards the development of Manchuria and the territory is at present very sparsely populated and is not in a position to carry on trade and industry actively. The total population south of Chungchun, which may be regarded as Japan's sphere of influence, does not exceed eight millions at the most. That the present condition of Manchuria is not ripe for commerce and industry will be evident from the extreme paucity of its population. In these circumstances it must follow as an inevitable conclusion that the development of Manchuria lies in its agriculture. Manchuria in this respect offers vast possibilities. Not only are there extensive tracts of fertile land to be cultivated, but a great increase of production may be obtained by the introduction of improvements on the land already under cultivation. It would not be very difficult to convert Manchuria, under proper management, into a great agricultural province and to obtain three or five times the amount at present produced. To do this, however, it would be necessary to give those who engage in agriculture the right of ownership in the land.

Despite this fact, continues the Toyo Keizai, Manchuria, except the leased territory in the Liaotung Peninsula, is entirely under the administration of China. Even in the districts along the South Manchuria Railway line, where the Japanese military guards are stationed, no settled policy of affairs prevails—similar to that existing before the war—that the security of life and property can hardly be relied upon. Nothing can be done in existing circumstances, nor can the development of agriculture in Manchuria be expected from China; it must be effected by Japanese. To do this, however, it is necessary, as already pointed out, to allow Japanese the right to own land in Manchuria. As it is, the Chinese authorities not only prohibit the ownership of land by aliens, but place obstacles even against the use of the land. (This is interesting in view of the attitude taken up by Japan on the question of the ownership of land by aliens.) In such circumstances, the development of Manchuria can scarcely be expected. More than a year has elapsed since the incorporation of the South Manchurian Railway Company, but it has practically done nothing towards the development of Manchuria. Japan is incurring a large expenditure in Manchuria, but there is no sure prospect of obtaining a return for the investment.

The complete restoration of order and the acquisition of the right to use the land are of primary and absolute importance for the opening of the resources of Manchuria, continues the Toyo Keizai. Probably China will not so easily acquiesce in these proposals, but Japan should obtain her consent at all costs. Otherwise there is no object in Japan holding Manchuria. China should be approached in these matters and her agreement obtained, if necessary, by pressure brought to bear on her government, however reluctant Japan may be to have recourse to such measures. In saying this, it is not implied that Japan should introduce an exclusive policy in Manchuria, which should remain open to all comers. But it must be remembered that so long as Japan retains the management of Manchuria it is inevitable that Japanese should occupy a more advantageous position than other nations. Now that Count Komura has accepted the portfolio of Foreign Affairs, concludes the Toyo Keizai, it is to be hoped that he will devote his attention to finding a satisfactory solution of the Manchurian question.

PANAMA CANAL STORY

Receiver for Old Company Says There Was No American Syndicate Interested in Purchase

Paris, Dec. 23.—In view of a possible congressional investigation in the United States into the Panama canal purchase, M. Lecomte, the receiver of the old company, who hitherto has declined to be interviewed, made the following statement today: "While I do not desire to go into details or participate in the polemic now raging in America, I do not hesitate, in speaking of the more important aspects of the story of the existence of an American syndicate to which the purchase money is supposed eventually to have gone, as a false, invented of whole cloth. As an officer appointed by the court, it would be improper for me to say more. Both tradition and practice make it impossible for me to disclose the list of individual bondholders to whom the money was distributed."

Another authority asserts that the American interest in the canal was comparatively insignificant, being confined practically to the New York banker, whose holdings long antedated the project of the American purchase. He estimated the amount that went to America as well below \$500,000.

Sudden Death in Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—John W. Woodward, a prominent real estate agent, dropped dead today while talking to a friend. Apoplexy was the cause.

Night Riders' Trial

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 23.—The state attorneys in the Night Riders' trial this afternoon announced that they would close their case on Thursday. The defence will be an alibi for each of the eight defendants. Members of their families will swear that the men were at home and in bed during the night of Oct. 19, the night that Capt. Rankin was murdered. No attempt will be made to show their whereabouts the nights that other outrages were perpetrated as the defendants are indicted only for the murder of Rankin.

OAKLAND RACES

Results of Yesterday's California Track Events—Entries for Today

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 23.—The results of today's races follow: First—1, St. Francis; 2, Lady Carroll; 3, Duke of Orleans.

Second—1, Yankee Daughter; 2, Comer; 3, Akman Bay.

Third—1, Fulletta; 2, Buckwood; 3, Col. White.

Fourth—1, Capt. Kennedy; 2, Estella C; 3, Billy Pullman.

Fifth—1, Katie Powers; 2, Milan; 3, Dundum.

Sixth—1, Bubbling Water; 2, Apto Oro; 3, Hamlet Louisa.

The entries for today's races follow:

First race, sell, Futurity course—Joe Nolan, Lochnagar, Col. Hackett, Gary-granby, Discerner, Queen Whims, Yakama Belle, Who, Flewsie, Judge Cronin, Smiling Jack, R. M. Brown.

Second race, sell, Futurity course—Otto, Bishop W. Straker, Panatic, Knight, Gallardo, Don Juan, Fairhill Hall, Incentive, Assay, Footloose, Harry Rodgers.

Third race, sell, 1/4 mile—Sir Brillar, Grombol, Sea Lad, Talented, Marion Rose, Buchanan, Lady Carroll, Berryessa, Balred, Lady Hildrith, Avona, Abraham.

Fourth race, handicap, 7/8 mile—Light Wool, Tony Faust, Eysenright, Coll Jes-sup, May Amelia, Banbridge.

Fifth race, sell, 1 1/4 mile—Cloverland, Invader, L. C. Akerly, My Pal, Bell-mence, Orchard, Paladino, Cholly Hed-riek, Gargantua, Carmelina, Fr. of Or-ange, Expectant.

Sixth race, purse, one mile—Down-patrick, Red Oak, Ocean Shore, Grace G. Cloudlight, Darington, Berrymaid.

Virdee Election

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—The writ for the bye-election in Virdee made necessary by the death of Hon. J. H. Ag-gar, provincial treasurer, was issued today by the clerk of the executive council. The election will take place on January 9, with the nomination one week earlier.

Hudson Bay Boat Wrecked

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—The commis-sioner of the Hudson's Bay Company has received information that the com-pany's barque Stork, recently reported from London as overdue from James Bay, was wrecked at Lisbon shoals in Hudson's Bay. The crew and passen-gers were saved and are all well at Moose Factory. The captain of the Stork has reached the railway line, and is now proceeding to London.

MISSOURI STRIKES

AT OIL MONOPOLY

Subsidiaries of Standard Are to Cease Business in the State

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 23.—Declaring that the Standard Oil Co., of Indiana, the Republic Oil Co., of Ohio, and the Waters Pierce Oil Co., of Missouri, had conspired and combined to monopolize the oil business in Missouri, the state supreme court today issued a decree ousting all three concerns from the commonwealth, and fining them \$50,000 each. The decree against the Waters Pierce Co. is strengthened by a proviso that it may continue in business, if, by January 15, 1909, it can show to the court that it has taken steps to operate as an independent concern and has satisfied the judgment against it. The other companies are given until March 1, 1909, to wind up their affairs in the state.

The decision, which was unanimous on the part of the seven judges, is so sweeping that Attorney-General Had-ley and Governor Folk are as the end of all illegal combinations in Mis-souri, and the former asserts that, in conjunction with the decision of the supreme court of the United States in the Tobacco Trust case, it will affect similar suits in other states.

In the principal opinion, Judge Woodson says: "This record abounds in instances where this unlawful combination has withered the energies of competitors, blighted individual investments in legitimate business, driven small and honest dealers out of business for themselves and made them the hewers of wood and drawers of water for the trusts. It has reduced the price of petroleum and at the same time has raised the cost of various finished products thereof, to the great detriment of the producers of the raw material and to the consumer of the manufactured products thereof."

The action in reference to the Waters Pierce Company is taken, the opinion states, in order to protect the minority stockholders, who "objected to entering and becoming members of the so-called oil trust, and did everything within their power to prevent the same, and exerted every influence within their command to act independently of it, but to no avail."

Supposed Train Robber.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 23.—Geo. T. Frankhauser, believed to be the man who with a companion robbed the Oriental Limited train on the Great Northern railway near Round, Mont., on Sept. 9th, 1907, of about \$40,000, is under arrest at Moorhead, Minn. Recent charges against \$13,000 have been offered for his capture and conviction.

Dynamiter's Sentence.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 23.—Peter Claudians today was found guilty of dynamiting the home of former Supervisor James L. Gallagher, the star witness for the prosecution in the San Francisco bribery cases. Claudians was sentenced to life imprisonment. The jury was out only eight minutes, and reached a verdict on the first ballot. Claudians waived appeal and started for San Quentin tonight.

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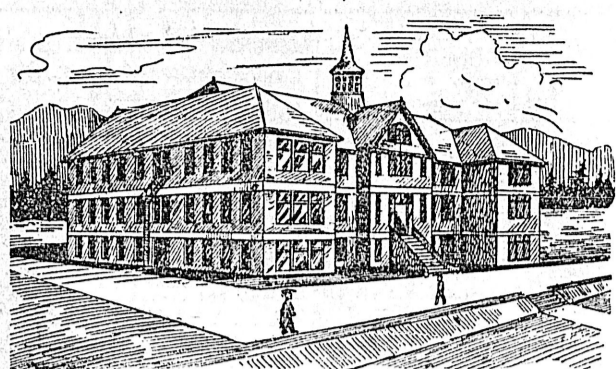
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LAND PURCHASE BILL CRITICISED

Friends and Opponents of the Measure Point Out Difficulties

OWNERS RAISE PROTEST

Resolutions Adopted By Them in Recent Gathering—Claim it Unfair

By Timothy J. O'Connor.

Dublin, Dec. 23.—Mr. Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, has written a letter to S. H. Butcher, M. P., in reply to a speech made by the latter at Cork recently, on the attitude of the government toward the question of land purchase. In the course of his letter Mr. Birrell says that Mr. Butcher complained that the government were showing a desire, but not actually declaring an intention to get out of and withdraw from some "bargain" or compact, or "treaty of peace," which is embodied in the Land Purchase Act of 1903. The only bargain he can recognize and the only bargain to which appeal can be made is the act itself. It is part of the bargain that if stock is issued at a discount in order to raise money for Irish land purchase, the resulting charges will fall on the guarantee fund, which means upon the Irish ratepayers, when the development fund is exhausted, and the most the government has done is out of consideration for the ratepayers to declare that the readjustment is inevitable and must be attempted. It is neither more nor less than a calumny to say that the government seek to go back upon the Act of 1903. The only possible complaint that can be made against the treasury is that it has not sanctioned a staff large enough to carry out transactions at a greater speed than is represented by \$5,000,000 worth of land in each year. This was the rate contemplated by Mr. Wyndham for the first three years and though he expressed the hope that the pace might be quickened as time went on, hopes are no part of a "bargain," "compact," or "treaty of peace."

Mr. Wyndham's hope and he has arranged with the treasury for such an increase of staff as will enable the land commission to proceed a little faster. But, he asks, what would have been the loss on flotation if the staff has been large enough to demand from the treasury during the last three years \$20,000,000 to be raised on the issue of land stock, the whole of which, after the exhaustion of the development grant, would have fallen upon the ratepayers? It is somewhat lightly said that if the government cannot get the money by the issue of land stock, they must get it in some other way. None of the schemes proposed offer any certainty, or even probability, of success, and it is doubtful whether they are consistent with the terms of purchase laid down in the act. The act of 1903 requires important amendment, and it is the intention of the government during the autumn session to introduce a bill which will give Parliament an opportunity of considering these amendments.

Butcher's Reply.

Mr. Butcher, M. P., addressed the following reply to Mr. Birrell: "My dear Birrell, I have been away from home, and only this morning has your letter of October 5 reached me. You reprimand me sharply for a speech I made on land purchase at the Cork meeting on October 1, and some of the remarks I made on that occasion seem to you to contain neither more nor less than a calumny of the government. Will you permit me to call attention to what I actually said? Some previous speakers had used the words "bargain," "contract," "compact," to describe the arrangement the state had made for carrying out land purchase on the present terms by means of imperial credit. I guarded myself against using precisely that language, and the only strict bargain is, as I say in your letter, that which is contained in the sections of the act itself, and so I drew a deduction that the government is now guilty of what some would call a breach of faith. I do not know whether it is technically a breach of faith, but of this I am sure, that it is a repudiation of an honorable understanding and engagement. To that view I adhere. That certain amendments in the act are necessary no one denies. For instance, according to the letter of the act, as you yourself reminded me, the losses on flotation fall on the ratepayers of Ireland. By common consent this must be altered. The prime minister himself has said that "nobody contemplated that the losses should fall on the rates." The need of readjustment is here admitted; it is not on this point that any issue is raised; it is elsewhere that the difference arises. What I laid stress on was that there is an obligation of honor resting on the state, as distinct from any strict "bargain" which can be enforced in a court of law. The act gave embodiment to a great and far-reaching policy. It contained an implied promise that, so long as landlords and tenants agreed under certain cardinal conditions as to the price, the state would advance the purchase money. It was, I observed, a great venture, but it was made for a great object. The state undertook that policy knowing what it was about, and every man at that time was convinced that once undertaken the state meant to carry it through."

Delay Means Disaster.

"Turning to the position of affairs at present, I said, 'Delay now means disaster; to suspend the course of land purchase now is to wreck the policy. There are 45 millions' worth of agreements made for land purchase. Is it national to ask us to hold these over for 10 or 15 years? If the state did make a saving in this respect it would lose ten times over in the unrest and discontent of Ireland.' Such was the gist of the speech. I see nothing to explain away or withdraw. I have no desire to carry on a party controversy. The case is too grave for that. I will merely repeat words which I used at Cork: that 'it would be an act of political folly on the part of the government to withdraw imperial credit at this crisis and allow land purchase to fall just because it has been too successful.' The closing paragraph of your letter leads me to hope that you

are as deeply convinced of this fact as I am. Yours very truly,

"S. H. Butcher."

Land Owners Protest.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Irish Land Owners' Convention was held at 95 Dawson street, Dublin. Lord Clonbrock presided in the absence of the Duke of Abercorn, and there was a large attendance.

Lord Clonbrock, in opening the proceedings, said that the first subject to which he wished to allude was the great delay and uncertainty in the administration of the Land Act, both from financial difficulties and from delay in procedure. The committee in their report had refrained from expressing any definite opinion upon these matters, but it was plain that delays in procedure were most injurious, not only to the position of the landlords, but also to that of purchasing tenants; and, further, delays were injurious because of the state of uncertainty and unrest created in the country. For that reason he had read with interest the report of the great meeting held lately in Cork, at which men of the most opposite political opinions were able to meet together in pursuance of an object which they rightly held to be conducive to the interests of the whole country. There was great work still before the committee and for the consideration of the convention. They had heard that legislation was to be introduced amending the Act of 1903, and he trusted that the convention would hold, with the committee, that departure from the principles of that Act would have a most disastrous effect, more especially if it followed the lines laid down by the Royal Commission on Congestion.

A subject to which the attention of the Courts had been continually directed was the disturbed state of great portions of the country. There was an increasing number of evictions in eight counties, as their report showed, and it also showed the extreme futility of the steps taken by the government to cope with them. They were told that Ireland offered a cheerful prospect, but those who said so must be very easily satisfied.

Resolutions Adopted

The O'Connor Don proposed the following resolutions which were carried unanimously:—(1) That, in cases where landlords have sold their estates under the Purchase Acts on the faith of being paid for them in cash within a reasonable time, we protest against their being asked to accept any other arrangement, as it either implies that Parliament has entered into contracts which it is unable to fulfill, or that the State no longer regards its contracts from the high standpoint of national honor which has always attached to the name of the United Kingdom in financial matters; (2) That, if financial difficulties render it impossible that speedy payment in cash should be provided, it becomes the duty of the government to propose an equivalent; (3) That, if the final payment of the purchase money cannot be greatly expedited, we most strongly urge on the government that it would be only reasonable that such alterations in the existing procedure should be made as would enable temporary loans at 3-1/2 per cent. to be made by the government to vendors to pay off mortgages and other charges.

The report of the Executive Committee states that during the first six months of this year there were 413 cattle drives, 75 cases of firing into houses and at persons, 98 prosecutions with 13 convictions, 258 claims

for malicious injuries allowed, and \$50,800 awarded.

BALZAC SOUVENIRS

A Museum Specially Devoted to Souvenirs of the Writer

Paris, Dec. 23.—Admirers of Balzac who come to Paris will hereafter have an opportunity of visiting a museum specially devoted to souvenirs of the writer. It consists of the quaint old house and garden in the Rue Raynouard, at No. 47, which he inhabited many years, and where he wrote a number of his best works. Curiously enough, the house recalls one of the most difficult periods to an alarming extent. He selected the house, it is stated, purposely as a sort of harbor of refuge from guns. It has no direct entrance from the Rue Raynouard, and one has first to pass through the hall of another house and go down two flights of stairs to a courtyard below. The house, which is a small building, and which the French would only call a "pavillon," is entered from the courtyard, and has a little garden at the back. At one side of the garden there is a steep wall, down the side of the hill, giving the place the appearance of a little fortress. The museum is at present only in an incipient stage, with scarcely more than a dozen articles which belonged to the author, but in time it will, no doubt, increase in importance.

THE "LYING CLOCKS" OF LONDON DISCUSSED

Efforts Will Be Made to Secure Uniformity of Time

London, Dec. 23.—The "Lying Clocks" of London were the subject of a spirited correspondence in the early part of the year. At that time the arguments for and against the synchronization were fully discussed, and it was suggested that the most effectual method of securing uniformity would be to induce authorities like the Local Government Board and the London County Council to take action in the matter. Sir John Cockburn's action, in moving the correspondence, that "a lying timekeeper is an abomination and should not be tolerated," was cordially endorsed, and his proposal that "a by-law might well be framed requiring clocks in public places to be synchronized with standard time, the penalty for repeated disregard to be removal of the offending dial," aroused considerable interest, though not perhaps such general approval. Now this proposition has been revived by the British Science Guild, who are taking the lead in a movement to induce the two authorities mentioned to realize their responsibility for controlling the vagaries of the public clocks. The London County Council recently remitted to its general purposes committee a memorial from the guild upon the subject.

It is urged by the guild that it is highly desirable that arrangements should be made for the synchronization of a number of public clocks in various districts of London and in other large towns—of some one clock—say that at the telegraph office—in small towns and villages with Green-

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wish mean time, these selected clocks to be marked and labelled as standard clocks. The County Council is asked to have all public clocks under its control synchronized in the same way. The Local Government Board, on the other hand, is asked to take stronger measures than is to say, to secure the passing of a by-law compelling persons who exhibit clocks publicly to have been synchronized on pain of losing the privileges of possessing outside clocks at all. The committee also had to consider a communication on the subject from the British Horological Institute. The institute is opposed to the compulsory synchronization of public clocks but is in favor of requiring those responsible for the control of such clocks to see that they are accurately rated and reliable. The institute also favors the removal of clocks unable to conform to these requirements. The committee's report, just issued, states that after careful consideration they do not see their way to make a recommendation on the subject.

Taxation in Halifax
Halifax, Dec. 22.—Halifax' rate of taxation next year will be \$2.02 on \$100, as compared with \$1.91 this year.

Hospital for Regina.
Regina, Dec. 22.—It is learned on good authority that plans have been prepared for an hospital to be erected here by the Grey Nuns. Present accommodations are altogether inadequate and they propose putting up a building that will cost some \$200,000. The plans will reach Regina from Montreal in a few days, and then the city will be asked to give a free site.

Girls Hurt While Coasting
New Westminster, Dec. 21.—While coasting in the vicinity of Third avenue, two girls, Miss Mack, daughter of a C.P.R. engineer of this city, and Miss Illis, of Vancouver, were upset, sustaining serious injuries. Miss Mack had one of her legs fractured, besides other minor injuries, while Miss Illis' leg was broken in two places in addition to her being badly bruised about the body.

THE COST OF HUNTING

Maintenance of Stag and Fox Hounds Costs Great Sum

London, Dec. 23.—The cost of hunting in the United Kingdom amounts to more than \$18,250,000 per annum, said Mr. Howard Martin in his presidential address to the Surveyors' Institute in London the other day. "There are in the kingdom," he added, "about 450 hunting establishments, and according to published statistics the cost of maintaining all the stag and fox hounds amounts to \$2,500,000 a year. The cost of the hunters kept in connection with the various packs amounts to at least \$15,750 per annum. In some of the counties the hounds are out once a week on the average, but in the most fashionable counties this average is greatly exceeded. The material benefits conferred directly and indirectly on the rural districts by hunting are considerable, and in many cases are a valuable addition to the wages fund at a time when wages are lowest and work is slackest."

Canada's Railway Record

London, Dec. 22.—W. L. J. Cudworth, chief engineer of the Northeastern Railway, in an interview declared that Canada presented greater railway development at the present moment than any other country in the world. The

EXCITED OVER MURDER

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Wrought up to a great pitch of excitement over the murder of two Chinamen last Saturday night and the failure of the police to ferret out the murderer, local Chinamen have appealed to the imperial Chinese authorities to help unravel the mystery which surrounds this murder, and also the mysterious murder of two Chinamen a year ago.

This appeal has been forwarded to the Chinese ambassador at London, and will be forwarded by him to the imperial court at Peking. The local Chinamen are hopeful that some steps will be taken by the home government to protect them. The appeal was forwarded from here by cable and a reply is expected tomorrow from the ambassador at London.

One thousand dollars will be offered by Chinese residents for the apprehension of the murderers, and if arrangements which were begun last evening are pushed to completion, this sum will be augmented in the near future by \$2,000 more, making in all \$3,000 reward to go to the person who finds the slayer.

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COMMERCIAL HOTEL—Corner Hastings and Cambie streets. Headquarters for mining and commercial men. Rates \$2 and upwards. Atkins, Johnson & Stewart, proprietors.
BUSINESS CHANCES
THE BEST PAYING proposition in Vancouver, B.C., yielding a net income of \$400 a month. A little over \$2,500 secures this buy, and the balance on easy terms. This is perhaps the best rooming house in the city, centrally located, well furnished. Write and get particulars. Wakeley & Bodie, 441 Pender street, Vancouver, B.C.
FARM LANDS
FREE MAP of British Columbia fruit districts, together with valuable information about soils, climate, prices of products, best locations, home-stead regulations, etc., sent free to those who send name and address at once to Kootenay Orchard Association, Ltd., Nelson, B. C.
LOST AND FOUND
LOST—On Yates street, small leather purse containing money. Reward. 471, Colonist.
LOST—On Government St., lady's black stock collar in small box. Kindly return to 465, Colonist office.
LOST—Sunday evening, on or near Cook street, between Port and Pandora, lady's gold initial watch. Reward. 465, Colonist.
LOST—On Saturday, gold brooch. Reward. B. A. Trust, Broad and View.
LOST—Between Linden Avenue and the Victoria theatre, on Saturday night, a pair of gold-rimmed eye-glasses in case. Reward. Colonist office, 422.

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EMPLOYMENT BUREAUX
WING ON CHINESE EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR CONTRACTOR—All kinds of Chinese help furnished; washing and ironing, wood cutting, land clearing, housework, coolies, farm hands, gardeners, scavengers; also translators and interpreters. 1709 Government street. Phone 23.
ALL KINDS OF Chinese labor supplied. Apply to Thon, 1630 Government street. Phone A1749.
JAPANESE, HINDU, AND Chinese EMPLOYMENT OFFICE—All kinds of labor, general contractor. 1631 Government street. Phone 1630.
MRS. NEWTON, (of the Cosy Corner Tea Rooms) has opened an employment Bureau for all classes of labor, including a department for room and board; 9 to 11 a.m., 2 to 3 p.m., 616 Fort street.
JAPANESE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE—Japanese Contractors, all kinds of Japanese laborers. 1617 Store St., Victoria City.
THE DEVEREUX EMPLOYMENT AGENCY
Removed to 1010 Yates St. (off Vancouver). Business hours: 10 to 2.30. Phone 447.
WANTED—General maid; good cook, essential. (Saanichton).
WANTED—Two housemaids, second servant kept. (City).
WANTED—Mother's help (two) plain cooking with general assistance. (City).
TEACHER WANTED
WANTED—Male teacher with first-class certificate for first division, Wellington public school; salary \$60 per month. Also an assistant teacher for second division. Apply for references, to the secretary, Board of Trustees, Wellington, B. C.
TEACHER WANTED for Sooke public school, duties to commence January 4th, 1909; salary \$50 per month. Apply to J. S. Muir, Sooke, B. C.
TO RENT—RESIDENCES
TO LET—Five-roomed cottage, Alpha street near Douglas street car; \$123 per month.
TO RENT—Well furnished 9-roomed house; good location. Apply 466, Colonist.
TO RENT—One five-roomed cottage, Bank street, modern. One seven-roomed modern house, 1612 Richmond avenue.
TO LET—Part of partly furnished desirable house, close in. \$20. Box 328, Colonist.
TO LET—Large new dwelling, with one acre of ground, planted in fruit, etc., convenient to car; rent \$25 per month can be rented furnished if desired. Apply B. C. House and Land Agency, 322 Government St.
TO LET—5-roomed cottage, 749 Market street.
FOR SALE—RESIDENCES
FOR SALE—New 8-room house, every convenience; best locality; five minutes walk from P. O. \$4,250. Apply Owner, Drawer 767, Victoria, P. O.
FOR SALE—New five-roomed cottage, modern, with bathroom, improved, 16 Pandora; newly furnished with piano and everything convenient for house-keeping. A snap. Apply Box 420, Colonist.
FOR SALE—Cottage, 4 rooms, bath room and all modern improvements. New and unoccupied. Sea view, close tram line. Apply Owner, Box 342, Colonist.
WANTED—TO PURCHASE
WANTED—Cheap for cash; express wagon, plow, hand cultivator, hand sower and large seed tent. Box 471, Colonist.
WANTED TO BUY South African land, 1000 to 2000 acres. Reply to J. R. Vernon, 1900 Ninth Ave., Vancouver, B. C.
WANTED—Veterans warrants. Write lowest cash price, to P. O. Box 734.
WANTED—To purchase, a second-hand incubator in good condition. State particulars to X, Box 693, Victoria, B. C.
WANTED—From two to five sections timber close to water, within six miles of Vancouver. Must have at least one-half cedar. Address Box 195, Victoria, B. C.
ALBURN LAND—Advertiser will purchase Alburn property if prices are reasonable. Address Box 379, Colonist.
WANTED—To purchase, old mahogany furniture, clocks, grandfather clocks, coins, stamps, etc. A. A. Aaronson, 85 Johnson street.
FOR SALE—PROPERTY.
FOR SALE—20 acres on Somenos Lake, one mile from Duncan. Majority cultivated. Fine house, furnace, water laid on, outbuildings, good fishing, duck shooting. Box X, Duncan. n6
TO LET—FURNISHED ROOMS.
TO LET—Furnished bedrooms with breakfast. One block Beacon Hill car. "Beachcroft." Boyd St. 423
TO LET—Furnished room, bath, electric light, heat, board if desired. 1605 Blanchard.
FURNISHED ROOMS—Very central, 810 Douglas, corner Humboldt St. 411
TO LET—Rooms, 1003 Carberry Gardens; breakfast if desired. B-1514. d6
FURNISHED ROOMS with board, piano and phone. "Bellevue." Quebec St., close to Government buildings. n29
TO LET—Furnished bedroom, with use of bath. 322 John street, Rock Bay. n29
TO RENT—Nicely furnished rooms, every convenience. 949 Fort St. Phone B1243.
FURNISHED ROOMS—Elegantly furnished rooms, with or without board. All modern improvements, including electric light and telephone. Close to steamboat landing, Corner Birdcage Walk and Belleville street. Mrs. Woodhill (formerly Revere House).
BLOUTION.
MADAM CARR, from London, will give lessons in Dramatic Eloquence. Box 425, Colonist.
WANTED—TO RENT
WANTED—To rent, two furnished housekeeping rooms. James Bay preferred. 463, Colonist.
WANTED—To rent, a small furnished house; immediate possession. Address 461, Colonist.
WANTED TO RENT—Cabin or stable for workshop; any part of city. P. O. Box 32.
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WANTED—FEMALE HELP
WANTED—Immediately, working housekeeper; small house only two in family. Apply 2421 Douglas, corner of Bay St.
WANTED—MALE HELP
WANTED—One reliable man in every town to take orders for best custom made clothes in Canada. Highest commission. Rex Tailoring Co., Toronto.
MEN WANTED—Reliable men in every locality throughout Canada to advertise our goods, track up showcards on trees, fences, bridges, and all conspicuous places, also distribute small advertising matter. Good salary \$83 per month and expenses \$4 per day. Steady employment to good reliable men. No experience necessary. Write for particulars. Empire Medicine Co., London, Ont.
WANTED—An apprentice to jewelry business. Apply W. H. Wilkerson, jeweler, 915 Government St.
SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE
MAN AND WIFE (cook) want position together in hotel or mining camp. Experienced and references given. Box 402, Colonist.
MISCELLANEOUS
WANTED—A COTTAGE
WANTED—A new 4 or 5 roomed cottage, must be modern and new, well situated. Instrument must be purchased. C. Reid & Co., 9 Mahon Bldg. Phone 1494.
FOR SALE—Young English setter dog, trained and well marked. 609 Superior St.
TO OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE—If you have a snap in city real estate suitable for subdivision and require a quick sale, please give us particulars. Herbert Cuthbert & Co., 616 Fort St.
TURKEYS, choice, 22 cents per lb.; delivered, any part of the city. Jewell Block, E. E. Clark. Phone 423.
FOR SALE—Gent's black bear skin coat. Apply 1125 Johnson St.
FOR SALE—Regina music box and gramophone. Instrument new; cheap. Apply 1125 Johnson St.
YES!—The Royal Dairy will deliver to your door, fresh milk, cream for Christmas, including all kinds of fruit, crackers, punches, sherbets, etc. Order early and make your Christmas dinner perfect. We also carry the very best shipping cream. Phone 1422.
MRS. ROACH of the Corona House has left Pandora street and will take over the Finlayson house, 2412 Douglas, on January 7, which will in the future be known as the Corona.
FOR SALE—Steam launch engine, cylinders 5 1/2 x 8 inches stroke, good condition. C. J. Brown, Hereward Road, Victoria.
WHY PAY seven dollars for wood? Dry wood cut, 12 inches \$4. Dry slabs 4 feet lengths, \$3. Phone 810.
TO LEASE—Premises to be constructed to suit tenant's requirements. Size 2x300. Fort street between Langley and Wharf. Apply D. R. Keir, corner Broad and Pandora streets.
FOR A QUICK SALE, 1,000 Can. North-West Oil Co. shares for 40 cents. Box 395, Colonist.
SHOW CASES—Manufacturers of showcases, store, hotel and office fixtures, wall cases, art grills and mirrors. Apply to W. A. Dickson, Ltd., successors to Dickson & Howes, 731 Johnson St. Phone 1165.
FOR SALE—A sixty dollar Densmore typewriter for twenty dollars. Not quite new, but in excellent condition and will run perfectly. This ad. will not appear again. Box 413 Colonist.
SHACKS, COTTAGES—Contracts wanted to build; from \$150 to \$2,500, town or country. New, effective designs, and estimates. Free catalogues, repair work. Greenhouse work a specialty. Box 10, Colonist.
COLE BROS.—Contractors. Estimates given for brickwork, chimneys, foundations. All kinds of jobbing work. 1612 Blanchard St. Phone B-1305 after 5 p.m.
ALTON & BROWN, carpenters and builders. Estimates given on all kinds of carpenter work. We specialize in conservatories and greenhouses. Prompt attention. First-class work and reasonable prices. Phone B-1414. Residence 555 Bay St., Victoria.
MILLWOOD and bark slabs, \$3.00 double load; cordwood \$5.00 first quality. Hull, Phone 1124.
BANJO, MANDOLIN AND GUITAR taught by W. G. Plowright, Conductor of the Alexandra Mandolin and Guitar Club. Also six days a week. Mandolin and Guitar at Alberta College, Edmonton, etc. Phone A1458. Studio 922 View Street.
SLAUGHTER SALE—A carload of delivery wagons, wagonettes, farmers' fruit wagons, buggies, and a few high priced cars. Also six days a week. Mandolin and Guitar at Alberta College, Edmonton, etc. Phone A1458. Studio 922 View Street.
MME. Vital—French dressmaking, 1401 of Paris. 1348 Grant St.
ESTIMATES GIVEN for all classes of home painting and decorating, including, etc. Prompt attention and good workmanship guaranteed. Ware, 1139 Fort St.
CARPENTER, practical in all branches, furniture repaired neat and cheap. F. Smith, 1269 Richardson St., East. n22
FOR SALE—Houston tenor, one shaper, one Smith morticer, one small 12-ton, one stick, also six days a week. Mandolin and Guitar at Alberta College, Edmonton, etc. Phone A1458. Studio 922 View Street.
FOR SALE—Buggies, delivery and farm wagons, agricultural implements, wire fence, gasoline engines, etc. B. C. Hardware Co., Ltd., 610 Johnson street, Victoria.
ANTIQUE JEWELRY, Diamonds, Engravings and Pictures bought and sold. Mrs. A. A. Aaronson, 85 Johnson street.
MISS WILSON, DRESSMAKER—Has removed her workrooms from the P.O. Block to her home on Oak Bay Avenue. Dressing past P.O. Bay Road. Phone B1605.
BAGGAGE Promptly handled at current rates by the Victoria Transfer Co., Phone 129. Office open night and day.
NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY MILL WOOD! It's cheap and good; \$3.00 for a large double load cut in stove lengths. \$2.50 per cord. A. L. Length, Cameron Lumber Co., Ltd. Phone 810.
COTTON RAGS wanted at the Colonist Job Department.
Lover's Y-Z (Vase Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is a boon to any home. It disinfects and cleans at the same time.

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TO LET—HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS
TO LET—Furnished housekeeping rooms; 735 View St.; central. d22
TO LET—Large furnished housekeeping room. 1220 Vancouver. d18
FURNISHED housekeeping and single rooms. Prince Rupert House, Box 100, Victoria. d16
TO LET—Furnished rooms and housekeeping rooms. Hotel Canada, Phone 1664
BOARD AND ROOM
WANTED—Six roomers and boarders. First class accommodation. Terms \$24.00 per month. Apply Mrs. Taylor, 1136 Caledonia. d18
ROOM AND BOARD can be got at "Maplehurst," 1937 Blanchard St. d1
TO LET—Board and room, also table board, \$5.50; comfortable reception rooms, two blocks from postoffice. 756 Rae St. d4
NOTICE.
In the Matter of the "Companies' Winding Up Act, 1898," and in the Matter of the Victoria Building, Sewing & Trading Company, Limited Liability.
Notice is hereby given that all creditors and others having claims against the above-named company are requested, on or before the 24th day of January, 1909, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to Herbert Lockwood, Room 8, Empire Building, Hastings street, Vancouver, B. C. Joint Liquidator of said company. And further take notice that after such last-mentioned date the liquidators will proceed to distribute the assets of the company among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the liquidators have then notice.
Dated this twenty-fourth day of November, 1908.
HERBERT LOCKWOOD, JOHN ROUSEFELL, Joint Liquidators, Room 8, Empire Building, Vancouver, B. C.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that British Columbia Packers' Association intend to apply two months after date of the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for a lease of the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the South West corner of the Industrial Reserve, No. 1, Alert Bay, and marked "B.C. Packers' Association S.W. Corner," thence 10 chains southwest, to a post planted at the S.W. corner of the Coast line, thence 10 chains north to high water mark, thence 20 chains east following the Coast line at high water mark to a post planted at the S.W. corner of the tidal lands, thence 10 chains covered by water within the said limits.
(Signed) B. C. PACKERS' ASSOCIATION, Robert Chambers, Agent. Dated 16th November, 1908.

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THE STUART ROBERTSON CO
Limited,
1212 Broad Street.
6 ROOMED COTTAGE with out-buildings and one acre of land, close to city, \$3,350.
4 ACRES of choice fruit land, close in, \$1,400.
CALL and inspect our list of farms.
FIRE INSURANCE WRITTEN in the Atlas Assurance Company, of London England.
GOOD HOUSE in Spring Idage, \$15 per month.
J. STUART YATES
22 Bastion Street, Victoria.
FOR SALE
80 ACRES—Sooke District, just inside Sooke Harbor.
FINE SEA FRONTAGE—At Esquimalt, about three acres, cheap.
TWO LOTS—On Yates street, with large wharf and sheds and two large warehouses, in good condition, on easy terms.
THREE LOTS—On Yates street, with 10 stores, bringing in good rentals.
TO RENT—Large wharf at foot of Yates street, rent \$120 per month.
3/4 ACRES—On Colquitz river, Victoria district, cheap.
LEE & FRASER
9 and 11 Truncheon Avenue.
FOR SALE
PENDER ISLAND—600 acres of land, well timbered, 5 acres cleared, splendid sea frontage, small cabin. Price \$10,000.
GORDON HEAD—7 acres, all cleared, 100 acres of land, and view of water. For sale cheap on easy terms.
MONEY TO LOAN—Fire and life insurance effected at lowest rates.
THE QUAIL LOCATIONS
615 Yates Street.
We have for sale an old established Livery business. Price, \$1700. No charge for good-will. Easy terms.
Hotel property, centrally located. New house, near Linden Avenue. Price, \$4000. One-third cash, balance on easy terms. For more particulars apply to J. Lee & Fraser, 9 and 11 Truncheon Avenue, Victoria.
100 acres on Willow River, near Fort George.
Lot on Fairfield Estate, \$550, high ground, lot 50 by 135.
Business property on 22nd Street. Price, \$4000. Lot 60 x 120.
Houses and lots, from \$1000 to \$4000, on easy terms.
Four lots in Alberni, block 45.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE BILL.
Notice is hereby given on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Victoria that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next Session for a private Bill to re-namify and confirm The Corporation of the Victoria Water Works Act, 1873 and the Victoria Water Works Amendment Act, 1892, and to make the following amendments and additions to said Act: To amend Section 2 of the Act of 1873 to enable the Corporation to construct water works, by giving to such Commissioner power to manage and conduct the use for any and every purpose to which any waters of the Corporation are put; To extend the powers given to the Water Commissioner by Section 7 to the construction of tunnels and drains and conduits and to compensation; To amend Section 10 by making the date for the annual return therein provided, the statement of affairs of the water works, on or before the 15th January of the year following, in lieu of on the 31st December for the year terminating on that date; To repeal and amend, as amended by Section 4 of Chapter 64 of 1892, in a detailed and concise form, a section giving power and authority to the Water Commissioner to levy a special annual water works tax on the basis of frontage along the water mains and branches thereof, or in case of special benefit and advantage to a special tax, or to fix the tax according to the relative assessed value taken from the Assessment Roll, or partly by each of these methods, or by any two or more. In addition to frontage tax price to be paid for use of water by each occupant of a house and for water for supplied outside City Limits and the times for payment; To amend Section 14, as amended by Section 4 of Chapter 64 of 1892, by separating the water works from general revenue, and to require payment thereof into a separate bank account, paying only to the City Treasurer such amounts as the Council may, by resolution, direct; To repeal Section 19 of said Act of 1873; To amend Section 20 by placing the service pipe throughout tenement buildings under control as to supply of Commissioner; To repeal Section 27 of said Act of 1873 by giving power to the Council to authorize contracts for the sale of water mains and plant in the supply of water to the Corporation of the City of Victoria, with power to contract with outside municipalities for the sale of water mains and plant in bulk or upon such terms as to supply and use and payment, therefore as may be determined by the Council, and authority to any outside municipality with whom the Corporation may have made contract for supply, to levy within such municipality a special tax, or other tax, assessment or rate for the payment of such water supply for the benefit of the Corporation; To repeal Section 29 and 31 of said Act of 1873 and substitute therefor power to the Corporation to borrow money upon the security of the water works system and property, taxes, rates, rents and charges of the Corporation, and by separating and paying all water works monies into an account with the Bankers of the Corporation, there to remain, and by the Council to be expended on water works account; To add to Section 36 a proviso entitling the Commissioner and Corporation, on behalf of the Corporation, to sue in any proceedings arising out of, or in connection with, the carrying out of the said Act; To authorize the exercise of the Council's powers by By-law save in matters of administrative detail, which may be by resolution; To repeal Section 40, 42 and 43 of said Act of 1873 and to enact that water works taxes shall be deemed to be debts due to the Corporation and collected as municipal taxes; and other provisions to provide for the enforcement of payment for water supplied; To give to the Corporation power to use waters for producing any form of power, or for any other purpose, including electricity for the purpose of light, heat and power, either within or without the City; that all powers, rights and interests in and to the water works of the Corporation shall be applicable to the use of water for power purposes and giving to the Corporation the following Power to construct works: To convey power by wires and place pipes for carrying water on lands or highways outside the city; To construct all necessary buildings and works and maintain and operate the same, extending the powers of expropriation to waters for power purposes; That any arbitration to ascertain compensation under Water Works Acts may, at the election of the Council, be proceeded with under Section 251 of the Municipal Clauses Act; And such incidental and necessary powers as are involved in the foregoing may be conveniently used therewith. Dated this 30th day of November, 1908.
MASON & MANN
Solicitors to the Corporation of the City of Victoria.
NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that under and pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, Chapter 11, Thomas H. Horns will apply to the Governor in Council for approval of the plan and site for the erection of a wooden wharve at foot of lots 1284 and 1285 in the City of Victoria, B. C. A plan of the said proposed wharve and a description by notes and bounds of the proposed site of the same, have been deposited with the Registrar of Public Works at Ottawa, and duplicates thereof have been deposited in the office of the Registrar of Deeds for the City of Victoria, the same being the Land Registry Office at Victoria aforesaid.
FELT & GREGORY,
Solicitors for Thomas H. Horns, Victoria, B. C., the 3rd December, 1908.

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THE COLONIST has the best equipped bookbinding in the province; the result is equal in proportion.
BOTTLES
ALL KINDS of bottles wanted. Good prices paid. Victoria Junk Agency, 1620 Store street. Phone 1336.
BOOT AND SHOE REPAIRING
HAYNE'S shoes repaired at Hibbs', 3 Oriental Alley, opposite Pantages Theatre.
BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS
PACIFIC BUILDING AND CONTRACTING CO., Ltd., office Room 28, Five Sisters Block. Personal supervision given to all work.
CLEANING AND TAILORING WORKS
LADIES' AND GENTS' clothes cleaned, dyed, repaired and pressed; umbrellas also repaired and re-covered. Guy W. Walker, 713 Johnson St., just east of Douglas. Phone A1267.
CHIMNEY SWEEPING
LLOYD & CO., practical chimney sweepers and house-cleaners, 716 Pandora St.; grades fire-bricks, flues altered, vacuums houses cleaned, ready for occupation. Phone 1677.
DRAYMEN
JOSEPH HEANEY—Office: 62 Wharf street. Tel. 171.
VICTORIA TRUCK AND DRAY CO.—Telephone 13.
DYE WORKS
VICTORIA STEAM DYE WORKS—116 Yates street. Tel. 717. All descriptions of ladies' and gentlemen's garments cleaned or dyed and pressed equal to new.
PAUL'S STEAM DYE WORKS, 313 Fort street. We clean, press and repair ladies' and gentlemen's garments equal to new. Phone 624.
B.C. STEAM DYE WORKS—The largest dyeing and cleaning works in the province. Country orders solicited. Tel. 200. J. C. Kennerly, proprietor.
ENGRAVING, STENCIL CUTTING
GENERAL ENGRAVER and Stencil Cutter. Geo. Crowther, 816 Wharf street, behind postoffice.
FURRIERS
MRS. E. R. ROBERTS—Manufacturing and repairing furs. Room 50, Five Sisters Block. Phone 1766.
HARDWARE
E. G. PRIOR & CO.—Hardware and agricultural implements. Corner of Johnson and Government streets.
THE HICKMAN TIE HARDWARE CO., Ltd.—Iron, Steel, Hardware, Cutlery, 30 and 34 Yates street, Victoria, B.C.
JUNK
BRASS, Copper, Bunkies, Sacks, and Junk wanted. Victoria Junk Agency, 1620 Store street. Phone 1336.
LITHOGRAPHING
LITHOGRAPHING, ENGRAVING and EMBROIDERING—Nothing too large and nothing too small; your stationery is your advantage agent; our work is unequalled value for money. The Colonist Printing and Publishing Co., Ltd.
LIVERY AND TRANSFER
VICTORIA TRANSFER CO., Ltd., Tel. 129
LODGES AND SOCIETIES
A.O.F., Court Northern Light, No. 5935. Meets at K. of P. Hall, 2nd and 4th streets. W. F. Fullerton, Secy.
K. of P. No. 1, Far West Lodge, Friday K. of P. Hall, 2nd and 4th streets. H. Weber, K. of R. and S. Box 544.
SONS OF ENGLAND, Pride of Island Lodge, A.O.U.W. Hall, 1st and 3rd streets. J. P. Wheeler, Pres.; Thos. Gravin, Secy.
SONS OF ENGLAND, B.S. Alexandra Lodge, 115, 1st and 3rd streets. W. H. Clarys, Pres.; J. Critchley, Secy.
NOVELTY WORKS
L. HAFER—General Machinist, No. 150 Government street.
PAPERHANGING
JAMES SCOTT ROSS—Paperhanging expert. 916 Pandora Avenue. Painting, kalsomining, signs. Send postal. Phone A1589.
POTTERY WARE, ETC.
SEWER PIPE, Field Tile, Ground Fire Clay, Flower Pots, etc. B. C. Pottery Co., Ltd., 601 Broad and Pandora Sts., Victoria, B.C.
GRAVEL
B. C. SAND & GRAVEL CO.—Foot of Johnson street. Tel. 1358. Producers of washed and graded sand and gravel. Best for concrete work of all kinds. Delivered by team in the city or on scows at pier, on Royal Bay.
SEAL ENGRAVING
GENERAL ENGRAVER and Stencil Cutter. Geo. Crowther, 816 Wharf street, behind Post Office.
SAVING
E. LINES—Yards, etc., cleaned. Residence: 738 Humboldt St. Phone B1799.
VICTORIA SAVING CO.—Office 610 Van street. Phone 662. Ashes and rubbish removed.
WING ON & SON—All kinds of Sewing work, yard cleaning, etc. Phone 1709 Government street. Phone 23.
SHORTHAND
SHORTHAND SCHOOL—1109 Broad St. Victoria. Shorthand, Typewriting, Bookkeeping, Telegraphy, thoroughly taught. Graduates fill good positions. E. A. Macmillan, Principal.

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TIMBER
BEFORE BUYING OR SELLING timber in B. C. call and see my list, comprising more than 100 of the best properties, aggregating a total cut of twenty-five billion (25,000,000,000) feet. A. T. Frampton, Malton Bldg., Victoria, B.C. Phone 1668.
STORAGE AND WAREHOUSING
STORAGE AND WAREHOUSING—19,000 feet of floor space. Apply W. W. Duncan, 536 Yates. P. O. Box 179, City.
R. S. BYRN, 1302 Wharf St., foot of Yates. Phone 394, P. O. Box 408.
WING ON & SON—All kinds of Sewing work, yard cleaning, etc. Phone 1709 Government street. Phone 23.
TAXIDERMIST AND FURRIER
FRED FOSTER, 42 1/2 Johnson street. Tel. A1182. Furs bought.
TEAS AND COFFEES
PIONEER COFFEE & SPICE MILLS, Ltd., Pembroke street, Victoria. Telephone 597.
UNDERTAKERS
B.C. FUNERAL FURNISHING CO., 52 Government street. Tel. 48, 305, 404, 594. Our experienced, certificated staff available day or night. Chas. Hayward, Pres., F. Caselton, Manager.
PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY
CONSULTING ENGINEERS
WINTERBURN, W. G., Telephone 1531. Consulting Mechanical Engineer and Surveyor. Estimates for all kinds of machinery; gasoline engines a specialty. 1637 Oak Bay Avenue, Victoria, B.C.
DENTISTS
DR. LEWIS HALL, Dental Surgeon, Jewell Block, corner Yates and Douglas streets, Victoria, B.C. Telephone—Office, 657; Residence 122.
DETECTIVES
B. C. DETECTIVE SERVICE, Vancouver. Civil, criminal and commercial investigations. R. S. Eason, Superintendent. Offices, rooms 6 and 7, Molson's Bank Building, Vancouver, B. C. Phone B3029.
MESSAGE
MEDICAL MASSAGE, Turkish Baths—B. H. Mitchell, Swedish masseur, Victoria Block Douglas street, hours 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 1629.
WATCHMAKER
A. PETCH, 90 Douglas street. Specialty of English watch repairing.
PATENTS AND LEGAL
ROWLAND BRITAIN, Registered Attorney, Patents in all countries. Fairfield building, opposite P.O., Vancouver.
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BULLETIN San Francisco Veterinary College now ready. Mailed free. Dr. C. Keane, 1818 Market St.
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CALIFORNIA HOTEL—19 Johnson St., newly fitted up from bottom to top, equipped with modern conveniences, comprising life-size photos of all the noted sports and athletes up to the present day. Bar always supplied with your goods. Thos. L. McManus, proprietor.
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HOTEL COLONIAL—Opposite Court house. Best hotel in town. Rates from \$1.50 up. John M. Insley, proprietor.
VANCOUVER
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TODAY IS THE LAST DAY

Some Wonderful Values Offered

Only one day left in which to sell all Toys, all Xmas Books, all Xmas Slippers, all Xmas China, all Pictures, all Fancy Boxed Candy, all Fancy Baskets, all Fancy Leather Goods, also splendid opportunities to purchase Gift Furniture at unusual prices. See the SPECIAL TABLES of all kinds of XMAS GOODS AT REDUCED PRICES for this morning at 8.30 a.m. You will get the best bargains by shopping early.

Xmas Eve Sale of Slippers

If you have delayed making your slipper selections, here's a chance to buy what you want considerably below the regular price. Tonight we will clear out a big lot of Fancy Xmas Slippers.

COMFY SLIPPERS—One of the newest slippers for the Xmas season is the Comfy felt mocassin slipper made of heavy felt, with leather covered, pure carded wool soles, cushion heels. Come in pale blue, black, brown and red. Reg. \$2.00 and \$2.25. Tonight **\$1.50**

BALANCE OF INDIAN MOCASSIN SLIPPERS, fur bound, undressed kid, of genuine Indian manufacture:

Ladies' and Gents', reg. \$2.00. Tonight **\$1.50**
 Infants', tonight **75c**
 Children's, tonight, \$1.00 and **\$1.25**

MEN'S SUPERIOR QUALITY VICI KID OPERA CUT SLIPPERS, black and tan, reg. \$2.50. Tonight **\$1.75**

MEN'S SUEDE CALF OPERA CUT SLIPPER, American manufacture, hand turned soles, tonight **\$3.50**

WOMEN'S WHITE KID, strap slippers, turn soles, tonight **\$1.75**

WOMEN'S PATENT COLT, or Vici Kid Pumps, hand turned soles, Cuban or French heels. Tonight, \$3.50, \$3.00 and **\$2.50**

Hair Brushes at Special Prices Today

We have just received a consignment of Hair Brushes, popular priced ones, that should have been here long ago. We have marked them very close to insure selling them in the limited time that we have left.

HAIR BRUSHES, with light and black backs. Extra special values at 50c, 35c and **25c**

HAIR BRUSHES, with rosewood backs. Special value at **\$1.00**

METALLIC HAIR BRUSHES, specially priced at 50c, 25c and **15c**

CLEAN-OUT OF TOYS

All Toys must be sold today. Prices like these will certainly move them out quickly. On sale this morning at 8.30 o'clock.

HORSES AND RIGS

HORSES AND RIGS, regular \$4.75. This morning 8.30 a.m. **\$3.50**

HORSES AND RIGS, regular \$5.00. This morning 8.30 a.m. **\$3.75**

HORSES AND RIGS, regular \$7.50. This morning 8.30 a.m. **\$4.50**

HORSES AND RIGS, regular price \$10.00. This morning 8.30 a.m. **\$6.75**

TWO ELECTRIC RAILWAYS, were \$8.50. This morning 8.30 a.m., each **\$4.50**

TWO IRISH MAIL TANDEMS, regular \$12.50. This morning 8.30 a.m., each **\$9.50**

ALL ANIMALS, such as Sheep, Dogs, Goats, Camels, Lions, Bears, Cows, etc., half price. One large Sheep, regular price, \$9.50, 8.30 this morning **\$4.75**

ONE LARGE SHEEP, was \$8.50. This morning 8.30 a.m. **\$4.25**

DRESSED DOLLS

DRESSED DOLLS, worth up to \$2.00. This morning 8.30 a.m. **\$1.00**

DRESSED DOLLS, regular \$2.50. This morning 8.30 a.m. **\$1.50**

DRESSED DOLLS, regular \$4.50. This morning 8.30 a.m. **\$2.50**

DRESSED DOLLS, regular \$5.75. This morning 8.30 a.m. **\$3.50**

DRESSED DOLLS, regular \$10.00. This morning 8.30 a.m. **\$4.50**

DRESSED DOLLS, regular \$15.00. This morning 8.30 a.m. **\$7.50**

TIN HORSES, regular 50c, this morning 8.30 a.m. **25c**

SANTA CLAUS, regular 25c, this morning 8.30 a.m. **10c**

WONDER GUN FOR BOYS, shoots rubber balls, regular 75c, this morning 8.30 a.m. **50c**

Today in the China Dept.

We intend making today a record one in the China Department. The various special tables will be loaded down with splendid values. Articles will be offered at prices today that formerly brought much more, in some case twice what is now asked. This is in keeping with our policy of offering bargains on Christmas Goods before the holiday rather than after.

We have tables of special values in China, running from near the main stairway right into the annex. The tables offering the best bargains are the popular priced ones at \$1.00, 75c, 50c and **25c**

Today in the Book Dept.

If price will do it, we intend making a clean sweep in this department. Christmas Books for Children, Toy Books and other Fancy Books for juveniles, Gift Books for adults, Christmas Calendars and Cards, in fact everything of that kind will be offered at special prices.

It would make too long a list to mention all here, but advise strongly that you watch the special tables. They will contain goods at prices not offered before. We will have a particularly strong lot of values on sale this morning at 8.30. Special tables at 15c, 25c, 50c and **75c**

Women's Wool Shawls

These Shawls make splendid gifts, always being a comfortable reminder of the giver. We have all sizes, weights and colors, such as white, grey, black, red and cream. A big assortment of prices, starting at **75c**

Have You Got Presents for Everybody?



If Not, There is Still Time

POPULAR PRICED GIFTS FOR EVERY ONE

Prices Range from 25c and Upwards

At 25c

FANCY CHINA
 CHILDREN'S BOOKS
 WOMEN'S WOOLLEN GLOVES
 WOMEN'S CASHMERE GLOVES
 WOMEN'S NECKWEAR
 WOMEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS
 FANCY GIFT BOOKS
 BOOKS FOR BOYS
 BOOKS FOR GIRLS
 CHRISTMAS CALENDARS
 CHILDREN'S WOOLLEN GLOVES
 WOMEN'S HOSIERY
 CHILDREN'S HOSIERY
 WOMEN'S BELTS
 FANCY BROOCHES
 BOXED STATIONERY
 PICTURES
 PERFUMERY
 HAT PINS
 MEN'S NECKTIES
 MEN'S SOX
 MEN'S BRACES
 MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS
 BABY'S BOOTEES
 POCKET KNIVES
 WOMEN'S APRONS
 CHILDREN'S PINAFORES

At 50c

FINE LINEN TOWELS
 BABY'S BIBS
 WOMEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS
 POCKET KNIVES

At 75c

BEAUTIFUL CHINA
 FANCY SLIPPERS
 FLANNELETTE BLOUSES
 WOOLLEN SHAWLS
 WOMEN'S APRONS
 BOYS' KID GLOVES
 CHILDREN'S BOOKS
 BOXED STATIONERY
 BOXES OF SOAP

At 75c

PERFUMERY
 WOMEN'S FANCY NECKWEAR
 WOMEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS
 BOOKS OF ALL KINDS
 MEN'S FANCY BRACES
 WHITE UNDERSKIRTS
 WOMEN'S BELTS
 CHILDREN'S DRESSES
 MEN'S NECKWEAR
 MEN'S FANCY SOX
 MEN'S GLOVES
 WOMEN'S FANCY HOSIERY
 CHILDREN'S KID GLOVES
 FANCY BOXES OF CANDY
 WOMEN'S APRONS
 CHILDREN'S PINAFORES
 POCKET KNIVES

At \$1.00

HANDSOME CHINA
 WOOLLEN SHAWLS
 FANCY WAISTS
 CHILDREN'S DRESSES
 WOMEN'S CORSETS
 NEW WHITEWEAR
 WOMEN'S UMBRELLAS
 MEN'S UMBRELLAS
 CHILDREN'S UMBRELLAS
 FANCY BOXED STATIONERY
 WOMEN'S FANCY NECKWEAR
 BEAUTIFUL BOOKS
 FANCY HANDKERCHIEFS
 WOMEN'S KID GLOVES
 BOYS' KID GLOVES
 MEN'S NECKWEAR
 MEN'S MUFFLERS

At \$1.00

MEN'S SHIRTS
 MEN'S FANCY BRACES
 LINEN NAPKINS
 FANCY SLIPPERS
 CHRISTMAS CALENDARS
 FANCY BOXES OF CANDY
 FANCY APRONS
 CHILDREN'S PINAFORES
 WOMEN'S OVERALLS
 MEN'S FANCY SOX

At \$1.50

MEN'S KID GLOVES
 WOMEN'S KID GLOVES
 MEN'S UMBRELLAS
 WOMEN'S UMBRELLAS

At \$1.50

LACE HANDKERCHIEFS
 LEATHER HAND BAGS
 SILK HOSIERY
 FANCY WAISTS
 SATENE UNDERSKIRTS
 WOOL SHAWLS
 CORSETS
 MEN'S NECKWEAR
 MEN'S MUFFLERS
 MEN'S SHIRTS
 MEN'S SWEATERS
 MEN'S FANCY BRACES
 GIFT BOOKS
 LEATHER BIBLES
 BOYS' SWEATERS
 LINEN TOWELS
 TABLE LINEN
 LINEN NAPKINS
 FANCY CHINA
 FANCY LAMPS
 SPLENDID CUTLERY
 CHILDREN'S DRESSES
 DAINTY WHITEWEAR
 FANCY NECKWEAR

At \$2.00

BEAUTIFUL CHINA
 THE NICEST BOOKS
 WOMEN'S GLOVES
 MEN'S GLOVES
 LACE HANDKERCHIEFS
 DAINTY NECKWEAR
 WOOLLEN SHAWLS
 CHILDREN'S COATS
 CHILDREN'S DRESSES
 WOMEN'S UMBRELLAS
 DAINTY WHITEWEAR
 LEATHER HAND BAGS
 SATENE UNDERSKIRTS
 HAND MIRRORS
 FANCY BASKETS
 MEN'S SWEATERS
 FANCY MUFFLERS
 FANCY VESTS
 LINEN TABLE CLOTHS
 LINEN NAPKINS
 FANCY LINENS
 GOOD CUTLERY
 FANCY SLIPPERS
 CHRISTMAS CALENDARS

See Broad Street Windows for Xmas Gift Suggestions in Furniture

CAKE STANDS, each \$1.75, \$2.50, and **\$4.75**
 DUTCH PICTURES **\$2.50**
 DUTCH PIPE RACKS **\$2.50**
 SMOKERS' HANGING WALL CABINETS **\$5.00**
 TABLE BOOK RACKS, \$1.00 and **\$3.00**
 EARLY ENGLISH OAK TABOURETTE **\$5.50**
 NEST OF TABOURETTES **\$7.50**
 UMBRELLA STAND **\$5.50**
 BIRCH MAHOGANY MUSIC CABINET **\$6.00**
 BIRCH MAHOGANY PARLOR TABLE **\$7.00**
 PARLOR TABLE in golden oak **\$7.00**
 MAHOGANY CENTRE TABLE, each **\$7.00**

TABOURETTE in Early English oak **\$4.50**
 MUSIC CABINET, in the Golden oak **\$7.50**
 BRIC-A-BRAC CABINET in mahogany finish **\$10.00**
 ROUND "TIP-UP" TEA-TABLE, each **\$10.00**
 CENTRE TABLE, in the Golden oak **\$11.00**
 CENTRE TABLE, in mahogany, each **\$8.50**
 OAK MAGAZINE STAND, each at **\$10.00**
 GOLDEN OAK HALL SEAT, each **\$10.50**
 MAHOGANY DESK CHAIR, at, each **\$12.00**
 RECEPTION CHAIR in mahogany **\$12.50**

MAHOGANY ARM CHAIR **\$11.00**
 PARLOR CABINET, in mahogany, each **\$12.00**
 DESK CHAIR, in mahogany **\$13.00**
 RECEPTION CHAIR, in velvet, each **\$13.50**
 RECEPTION CHAIR, in tapestry, each **\$12.50**
 MUSIC CABINET, in mahogany, each **\$14.00**
 WRITING TABLE, in Early English oak **\$14.50**
 WRITING TABLE, in the Golden oak **\$14.50**
 MISSION WRITING TABLE, each **\$14.50**
 DRAWING ROOM CABINET, each **\$15.50**
 MAHOGANY MUSIC CABINET, each **\$15.50**

MUSIC CABINET with desk **\$17.50**
 MAHOGANY MUSIC CABINET, each **\$17.00**
 PARLOR ROCKER **\$17.50**
 MAHOGANY DRAWING-ROOM CHAIR **\$18.50**
 CELLARETTE, in Early English oak **\$18.75**
 NEST OF CARD OR TEA TABLES **\$20.00**
 MAHOGANY MUSIC CABINET, each **\$19.00**
 GOLDEN OAK CHINA CABINET **\$21.00**
 CARD TABLE, in the golden oak, each **\$21.00**
 DRAWING-ROOM ROCKER, each **\$26.00**
 MAHOGANY TEA TABLE with tray, each **\$28.00**

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